**PRO-LIFE BOOT CAMP NOTES (For Teachers)**

**Basic Pro-life Defense of Life:** Humans have rights. Babies are human. Babies have rights. The most fundamental right is the right to life.

**Definition of a cell –** A cell is the basic building block of all living things. Cells provide structure for the body, take in nutrients from food, convert nutrients into energy, carry out specialized functions, contain the body’s hereditary material and make copies of itself.

**A cell** is made up of molecules. Molecules are made up of atoms.

**An atom** is the smallest unit of matter. It is made up of proteins (positive particles), neutral particles and electrons (negative particles).

**Comparison of atoms and cells**: Atoms make molecules which make cells. An atom is the smallest unit of matter. A cell is the smallest functioning unit in a living organism.

**SLED – Helpful comparisons of life** – Life is a continuum where we begin very dependent, move to independence and then end again dependent. Preborn – Baby – Child – Adolescent – Adult – Elderly Person.

**Size** – Are we more human when we are 10 years old than 10 days old? Are we more human when we are 10 days old or 10 days before birth?

**Level of Development** – Are we more human when we can run at recess or when we are beginning to walk? Are we more human when we are beginning to walk or when our legs are beginning to form? Are we more human when we sing in a choir or when we are beginning to talk? Are we more human when we are beginning to talk or when our voice box is forming?

**Environment** – Is a car part of a garage because it is parked there? Is a baby part of his or her mom because he or she lives there for 9 months?

**Dependency** – Are we more human when we can feed ourselves than when our mothers fed us as an infant? Are we more human when we can feed ourselves or when someone has to help us when we are old? Are we more human when we can dress ourselves or when we are dressed as an infant by our mothers? Are we more human when we can dress ourselves or when we need help as an elderly person?

**REPLIES TO 5 BASIC ARGUMENTS AGAINST LIFE**

***What To Say When - \_*Shawn Carney**

1. **It’s Just a Blob of Tissue.**

Life begins at conception. Period. This is a verifiable scientific fact that is taught in medical schools…described in embryological textbooks and filmed with cameras and shown by *Natonal Geographic*. Conception begins with one cell. That cell has it’s own DNA made up of 46 chromosomes, 23 chromosomes from each parent.

1. **My Body, My Choice.**

1. Abortion isn’t about a woman’s body but the baby’s. The woman can’t abort her own body.

2. The baby has his or her own unique body, DNA, unrepeatable genetic makeup, heartbeat, and organs.

3. Bad and irresponsible men benefit the most from abortion. They are the winners.

4 Our dependency upon someone else does not diminish our equality or human dignity.

5. Every day we follow laws that restrict what we can do with our bodies.

1. **Are Abortions Medically Necessary?**

**Abortion is not healthcare.**

1. Healthcare is healing, not killing.
2. There is nothing healthy about pitting a woman against her child. Abortion harms them both. Abortion supporters say

If we keep abortion legal we will save the lives of women from illegal, back-alley abortions. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a pivotal player in the legalization of abortion, admitted to fabricating the myth of back-alley abortions. “The figure we constantly fed to the media was 10,000“ (lives lost to unsafe, illegal abortions each year).

3. If Planned Parenthood really cares about health, it wouldn’t use crises and disasters to peddle abortion on survivors.

1. **Climate and Population Control**
2. The world is not overpopulated
3. Attempts to impose population control measures on the Third World are racist and imperialist.
4. Care for the planet isn’t healthy or authentic if it harms the planet’s people.
5. **The Hard Cases – Rape**
6. The Rapist should go to prison.
7. Abortion does not remove rape; it adds to the pain.
8. Human dignity is not defined by the circumstances of our conception.
9. In no other scenario do we punish a baby for the crimes of his or her father.