



## 15 Minutes Can Change a Mind

At our poll table, Cathy signed her name indicating that abortion should remain legal. 15 minutes later, after a conversation with me, she changed her mind.

Cathy initially indicated that she supported legal abortion in the first and second trimester.

**Jeremy:** Why do you feel abortion should be allowed early in the pregnancy?

**Cathy:** Because the fetus is not fully developed yet.

**Jeremy:** I would agree that the fetus is less developed in the first and second trimester. Do you think the unborn is human in the first trimester?

**Cathy:** Yes and no. I'm not really sure.

I then showed Cathy pictures of the unborn in the first trimester, and told her about the humanity of the unborn using the 10-Second Pro-Life Apologist.<sup>1</sup> After hearing this evidence, she agreed that the unborn is definitely human in the first trimester.

**Jeremy:** Why do you think abortion should be allowed if the unborn is indeed a human being at that point?

**Cathy:** I just think it's the woman's choice. Why would you want a child born into an unstable



A conversation that I had with a pro-choice University of Oklahoma (OU) student

situation? I think it depends on the situation.

**Jeremy:** I agree that a lot of parents are in unstable situations. But let's say that those same parents have a one-year-old in an unstable situation. Should they be allowed to kill their one-year-old because of their instability?

**Cathy:** No, definitely not.

**Jeremy:** I agree with you. So, since we also agree that the unborn is human, like the one-year-old, why shouldn't the unborn be protected

1. See more about the 10-Second Pro-Life Apologist at [www.jfaweb.org/10-seconds](http://www.jfaweb.org/10-seconds)



Mentoring some of the high school students who came to outreach at OU with us

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**— CATHY, A STUDENT I  
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NOVEMBER**

sexism are wrong – they focus on our differences rather than our common humanity.

**Cathy:** I guess I agree with you.

**Jeremy:** I truly believe that all humans have value and no one is better off dead. We all have the same human nature.

**Cathy:** AKA, we’re all persons, human beings.

**Jeremy:** That’s right! We all have basic human rights because we’re all human.

**Cathy:** I agree. I’m starting to change my mind about abortion now that we’ve talked.

By the end of our conversation, Cathy had come full circle and now believed that abortion should *not* be legal. This conversation was once again proof that the techniques that we teach in our seminar actually work and can change people’s minds about abortion!

Cathy’s conversion shows the impact that a 15-minute conversation can have. Since statistics indicate that approximately one of every four women have an abortion by the age of 45<sup>2</sup>, Cathy or one of her friends will almost certainly be in a situation where abortion is considered. The 15 minutes she spent speaking with me could very well mean the difference between life and death for a child.

Thanks to your support, I was able to help equip over 100 people to have these kinds of conversations on our recent trip to the University of Oklahoma. This included over 60 high school students, who will have a lifetime of opportunity to reach their peers on the truth about abortion. I can only imagine how God will use the people we trained that week, but I pray that it will include thousands of conversations like the one I had with Cathy.

— Jeremy

2. “Population Group Abortion Rates and Lifetime Incidence of Abortion:United States, 2008–2014,” Guttmacher Institute.

as well?

**Cathy:** Good point, very good point.

**Jeremy:** So Cathy, why would you allow abortion, now that you know that it is killing a human being?

**Cathy:** Well, now that you put it like that, it starts to look different. You’re bringing things into a new light for me.

**Jeremy:** I’m glad to hear that! You know, history shows that the one feature we all have in common is our human nature, and that’s why all humans deserve to be treated equally. That’s why racism and