



# The Kulas Kronicle



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## Personally Pro-life, but...

It's one of the most common phrases I hear during outreach conversations: "I'm personally pro-life, but..." Sadly, what typically follows this common phrase is rather sad: "I am personally pro-life, but I can't tell other people that they can't get abortions." "I am personally pro-life, but it should n't be illegal." Just this last Monday at the University of Kansas (KU), two students shared this same perspective with me. Chancellor and Ethan, at different times, made a bee-line to the "YES" side of our Poll Table which asks, "Should Abortion Remain Legal?" Even though their perspectives were unique, each of these conversations had things in common. Both individuals not only identified as Christians but they both seemed to be what I would consider committed Christians. It appeared that they were attempting to live out their beliefs and follow Christ in their everyday lives. Each of these men also believed that the unborn is human from the moment of conception — Their words. They also believed that it is wrong to kill the unborn — Their words too! But neither believed they could "push their morals" on someone else by taking away a woman's choice.

### ETHAN

Ethan initially passed by our Poll Table on KU's Wescoe Beach without signing, but I got his attention and he signed the notebook on the "YES" side. Ethan's particular view was that a woman who wants to get an abortion has the freedom to make her own decision and that she would probably do it anyway if it became illegal. Although he thought abortion is wrong and kills an innocent child, he also believed that it needs to remain legal because other people don't agree that the unborn is a human being from conception. I attempted to shed light on a problem with his view by showing that one could apply that same reasoning to allow infanticide. After all, even though some people agree with infanticide, we are all still obligated to speak up for the weak. I then explained that this principle, of the importance of speaking up for the vulnerable, is obvious to us when it comes to injustices like murder or rape. We are rightly expecting others to act according to the moral system we follow when we tell murderers that murder is wrong, or tell rapists that rape is wrong. With the time I had left with him, I challenged Ethan to be open to being wrong and to begin seeking justice for the weak. Would you pray with me that he accepts my challenge and changes his view?

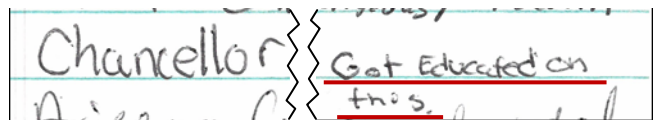
### CHANCELLOR

Chancellor walked up to the table to sign the "YES" side, but he hesitated. Standing nearby, I asked which side he was



Chancellor and I converse at KU about abortion in the case of rape.

going to sign. He was unsure. After I asked why he was unsure, he replied that as a Christian he thinks abortion is wrong, but that he believes women should be allowed to have the freedom to decide. He especially thought they should be entitled to abortion in the case of rape. As we teach our volunteers to do, I found common ground by expressing how unjust rape is and checked to see how personal this was for him by asking if he knew anyone who's been raped. After he assured me that he did not, I shared the story of a person I know who was conceived in rape and is very glad to be alive! I also helped him understand the intellectual reasoning of the pro-life position in the case of rape



Scanned image of the NO side of our Poll Table which asks, "Should Abortion Remain Legal?"

by "Trotting Out a Toddler." (Read more about this dialogue skill in our Justice For All Interactive Guide or ask me for a "crash course.") By the end of the conversation, he said he really appreciated the information, and that it had educated him. At that point, he took a JFA Exhibit Brochure and signed the notebook on the "NO" side of the "Should Abortion Remain Legal?" poll table! After the outreach, I read what Chancellor wrote (see above) and thought it was pretty cool! Thanks for helping me connect with these two guys and others like them.

In Christ,

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