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# You Can't Have it Both Ways

## The Conservative's Elephant in the Room



Donald Trump's so called "miss speak" in his interview with [Chris Matthews](#) exposed the fatal flaw in the Pro Life **public** argument. The question, if abortion were illegal, should a woman who has an abortion be punished?

Before I proceed, let me state that I am unequivocally Pro Choice (with the exception of late term abortions when the mother's life and health is not in jeopardy). I believe that the Government has no role in this very private, personal and difficult decision that a woman may have to make. However, having said that, if you believe that abortion is **murder**, than unquestionably, abortion should be illegal. If abortion were illegal, what should happen to a woman who breaks the law and has an abortion? Logically, there should be sanctions and punishment befitting the crime of murder. Now here is where the Pro Life **public** argument falls apart. They say that the woman should not be punished. She is a victim. The

doctor should be punished.

How can the woman be a victim? If indeed abortion is murder, both parties the woman who has the abortion and the doctor who performs the abortion must be held accountable. The woman can not be excused from the crime (she's certainly not an innocent bystander). She and anyone who supports her (spouse, friend, parent, sibling, etc) in carrying out this crime is a willing participant in the crime. The doctor would be the murderer and the woman and anyone supporting her in this effort would be the accomplices. That is the simple fact if you believe that abortion is murder. There is no escaping this fact. However, in a court of law you may be able to argue mitigating factors like the mother's state of mind.

Following this line of thinking, the only predetermined exception for the "crime of abortion", would be in the event that the mother's life is jeopardized if she were to proceed with her pregnancy. This exception would be logical based on a belief that abortion is murder. But let's face it there is little logic in the "crime of abortion" argument. It's fraught with emotion, religious and social moral dogma and political ideology. So all of you Pro Life folks, you can't have it both ways and I think you know it. Your argument about the mother as victim is totally illogical and you know that too. It's unfortunate for your cause, but Donald Trump has done it again! He has pulled back the curtain and exposed all of you for the hypocrites that you are. He is forcing you to answer a very inconvenient truth. If abortion is murder, than what's next? You can't have it both ways.

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