

# A Defense of Abortion

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## THESIS

We are asked to notice the development of a human being from conception through birth into childhood is continuous;



The prospects for drawing a line in the development of a fetus look thin.

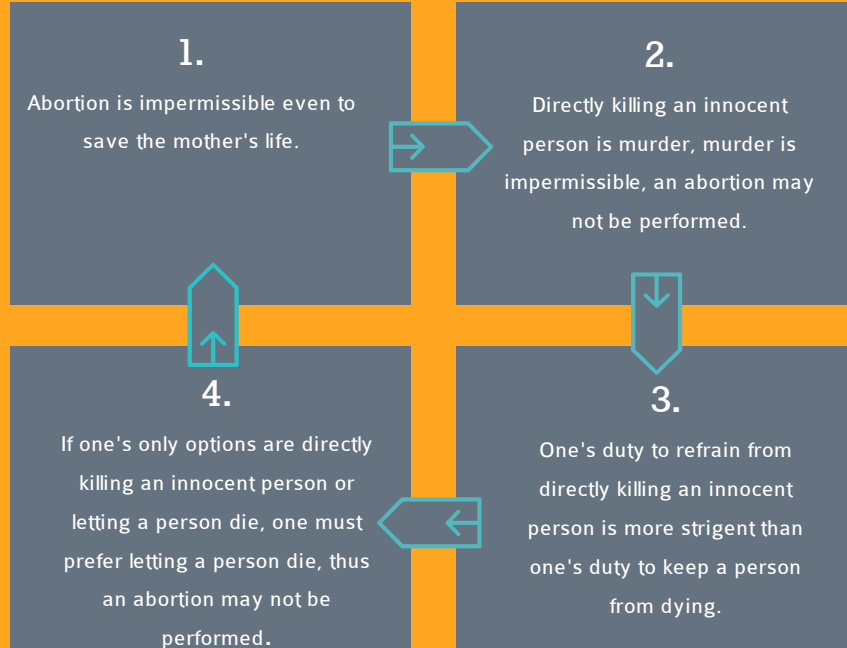
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## The Case of the Famous



## Unconscious Violinist

EXTREME



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## In Sum

A woman surely can defend her life against the threat to it posed by the unborn child, even if so doing involves its death. And this shows not merely that the theses in (1) through (4) are false; it shows also that the extreme view of abortion is false.

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## Good & Minimally Decent

## Samaritans

✓ Women are compelled by law to be not merely Minimally Decent Samaritans but Good Samaritans to unborn persons inside them

✓ No one person is morally required to make large sacrifices to sustain the life of another who has not right to demand them

