

Abortion as it has to do with Judaism and civil disagreement:

Abortion in Jewish Text:

“One who fatally strikes another [person] shall be put to death.” **Exodus 21.12**

“When [two or more] people fight, and one of them pushes a pregnant woman and a miscarriage results, but no other damage ensues, the one responsible shall be fined according as the woman’s husband may determine, the payment to be based on reckoning.” **Exodus 21.22-25**

“If a woman is having trouble giving birth, they cut up the child in her womb and bring it forth limb by limb, because [the mother’s life] comes before the life of [the fetus]. But if the greater part [of the fetus] has come out, one may not touch it, for one may not set aside one person's life for that of another.” **Mishnah Ohalot 7.6**

“And [the abortion] is irrelevant in what way the pain and suffering is expressed, whether it is physical or psychological. Indeed psychological suffering is in many ways much greater than the suffering of the flesh. Abortion is permissible in cases where a mother's physical or mental health is threatened.” **Responsa: Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg and Rabbi Isaac Klien**

Before you begin:

EDUCATE YOURSELF ON ALL SIDES

The most effective argument is a well researched argument that not only understands but engages the opposing side. You must understand the opposing argument in order to debunk it.

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Steps to having a PRODUCTIVE DISAGREEMENT:

tricky conversations: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

Dont lash out

Listen

Take a deep breath

Calmly explain your side

Reach out

Unpack

Lets Act it Out!

Person One:

- From a rural part of the country
 - A teen
 - Deeply conservative
- Was raised believing abortion is murder at all stages
- Participates in protests against Planned Parenthood

Person Two:

- From a big city
 - A teen
 - Democratic
- Was raised in a very liberal community
- Believes abortion is a right that biological females need to have
 - Donates money to Planned Parenthood