

How Nonviolence Advocates Can Do Outreach to Pro-lifers

When pro-lifers are sincere people who care about the children in the womb, they can also become interested in a variety of nonviolence causes.

What is the best approach? Those who follow the consistent life ethic can simply relate to pro-lifers as colleagues, but those who maintain the pro-choice position will find their effectiveness blocked by the perception that they support the killing of babies and don't have a good understanding about what is actually helpful to women.

Some possibilities:

- Discuss the importance of pregnant women having more access to services, being treated without discrimination in the work-force, and any other policy proposal or volunteer services that help women who choose to continue a pregnancy to do so. Participate in diaper drives and similar projects to show the concern for common ground.
- Commiserate with them about how terrible the media portrayals are. Stereotypes abound in the media, and frustrations are high in both the peace movement and the pro-life movement. Sharing that anger becomes another way of humanizing and relating.
- A person who cannot in good conscience make the persuasive argument for the consistent life ethic can send prolife sympathizers on to the people who can. Below are listed some web-sites that people can be referred to; becoming familiar with them may also be helpful in any discussions.

Consistent Life: www.consistent-life.org

Feminism & Nonviolence Studies Association: www.fnsa.org

Feminists for Nonviolent Choices: <http://www.ffnvc.org/>

Feminists for Life of America: www.feministsforlife.org

Democrats for Life: www.democratsforlife.org

Pro-life Alliance of Gays & Lesbians: www.plagal.org

Friends Witness for a Pro-life Peace Testimony: www.prolifequakers.org

All Our Lives: www.allourlives.org



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