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1) DEVOLUTION
As Northern Ireland has a devolved government, it is not the business of Westminster politicians to interfere, especially when there is not even a member from Northern Ireland on the committee. The majority of adults in Northern Ireland think that abortion should be decided here, not in Westminster.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
I am proud to live in Northern Ireland because I believe in the sanctity of human life from conception, and this is the only part of the UK which holds the unborn baby’s life to be valuable. We also believe we should not have the right to decide whether an unborn baby should live or die because it may be disabled. Also, doctors have been proved wrong in their diagnoses even recently, and so-called unviable babies have been born perfectly healthy, so our legislation prevents that, fortunately.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
Women’s and Equality bodies seem to think equality is only achieved when a woman can do as she wishes with her body. This is a false view, as the baby in the womb also has a right to the most important thing of all - life itself, and no matter how it is dressed up, abortion is the killing of another human being. UN committees such as CEDAW have no legal standing to compel others to obey its rules, and nobody should try to confuse the issue by saying they have. I am not a member of Both Lives Matter, but I totally agree with their views, and to change the law in Northern Ireland would be abhorrent. Of course there are hard cases, and these should be treated with sympathy and help, but they are very few and far between, and changing the law here would open the door to an ever more promiscuous society as has happened on the mainland.

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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