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1) DEVOLUTION
Yes indeed this issue should be entirely decided by a Northern Ireland Government or at least a local assembly, NOT Westminster. There should also be a N.I. referendum on this issue.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
Yes and long may Northern Ireland remain as that safest place!

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
I disagree with the statement at the top. What about the rights of the unborn but living child still in its mother's womb? Does it not have just as much and equal rights as any other human being?

4) PERSONAL STORIES
As a Committed Christian, I believe abortion is murder in the womb, and therefore a breech of the 6th commandment "Thou shalt do No MURDER." I am thus currently opposing a particularly liberal and horrible abortion bill which Tynwald the Manx Parliament (I live on the Isle of Man), is trying to impose on the Island. This legislation if sanctioned also provides buffer zone preventing objectors like myself from demonstrating within certain parameters of places where abortions were being carried out. This in my view contraveens the international Human Rights Act.

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