1) DEVOLUTION
While I certainly identify with the frustrations around the suspension of the NI Assembly and the lack of decision-making on various issues, I do not agree that Westminster should be taking the decision on this matter. Furthermore, I am deeply uncomfortable that there doesn't seem to be any representation of NI on the Women & Equalities Committee. Surely that would be fundamentally important if Westminster were to take a decision on this?

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
I know some refer to Northern Ireland as 'backward' on this issue. But actually to know that the current law has saved thousands of lives, including ones with disability, does not seem backward to me. It is important to me and to our society that we look after the most vulnerable. This includes unborn children, as well as their families. Changing legislation on abortion is not the best way to do this.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
The abortion debate is often framed in terms of equality. As a women I am passionate about us taking steps toward greater equality. However it frightens me that our equality might in some way be measured on our legal right to end the life of our child for any reason...surely that is 'backward' or at least somewhat back-to-front? There are inequalities that could be addressed which would actually support women and families who are facing crisis pregnancy, without changing the law on abortion. The current NI legislation does allow for abortion in a small number of specific cases, and I think it's important and appropriate that there is provision for this. I understand that abortion is a complex and sensitive issue. My hope is that any law on it would value both the unborn child and their parents as best as possible.

4) PERSONAL STORIES
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