1) DEVOLUTION
One of the purposes of devolving government in the UK was so that locally elected politicians could govern & legislate within the specific framework of each administrative area. For politicians from outside a particular jurisdiction to seek to impose change because of their disagreement with the law as it stands within that area would be presumptuous and unethical, especially in view of the prevailing difficulties of the NI Assembly and when views on both sides are held so strongly. Also, in the most recent poll of NI adults relating to this issue, a clear majority indicated that it was a matter to be decided within the province by their elected representatives.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
There is a very strong body of opinion in the province that all life, from conception, is valuable and that the womb should be the safest place for an unborn child. Because of the law as it currently stands, that is largely true for babies conceived in N. Ireland, and particularly so for those with a disability that can be diagnosed before birth. In this 'politically correct' generation there are frequent cries of 'unfair discrimination', and application of the law concerning 'hate crime' to someone who happens to voice a different opinion from the currently acceptable one. However, where abortion is permissible under law, if the person being discriminated against happens to be still in the womb, unable to speak for themselves, a living human being can be killed without any redress. Many in N Ireland do not wish that to become the case within the province.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
In the area of Human Rights and Equality I have one burning question - Why should the supposed 'rights' of a woman always take precedence over the right of the unborn child to live the life he or she has been given?

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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