

When I first learned of the perverse provisions of the 1967 Abortion Act which allows the disabled to be killed up to birth I found it unbelievable. A nation that is proud not to have the death penalty for murder yet is prepared to take a person's life for having a condition such as Down's Syndrome or surgically correctable defects such as club foot? Is there not a moral deficit here?

The abortion law which has been imposed on Northern Ireland is similar. A 22 week premature baby can now be saved by advanced care. This child would be perfectly human and entitled to the full protection of law. Anyone taking its life would be classed as a murderer. Yet the law allows the disabled to be under threat while still in the womb from 24 weeks. Are they not just as human as others with no known defects?

Such is the mindset in England that mothers are pressured up to full term to have their disabled child aborted. This practice is euphemistically called healthcare or reproductive rights. Putting an action into a category does not change its nature. This culture of death should not be allowed to take root here. The message to those who survive this negativity is that they should not be here as Heidi Crowther says.

The Belfast Telegraph featured some people who have Down's Syndrome. One is a model and another is an actor. All are cherished by their families and live complete and well rounded lives. The mother of a dearly loved child who has Down's Syndrome, in a letter to a newspaper denounced [REDACTED] as an ignorant fool for saying that it is immoral not to abort a child with who has Down's Syndrome.

I hope that measures will be taken to rescind at least the part of the Act which allows such plainly wrong actions to be taken.