As a disabled women I feel the UK’s Abortion Act gives a very negative picture of disabled people.

Some ethicists don't like the argument that abortion should be allowed where the baby, if born, would suffer from physical or mental condition.

One argument goes like this:

* allowing disability as a reason for abortion implies that disabled people, or the lives of disabled people, are less worthwhile than the lives of "normal" people
* this is untrue
* this is offensive to disabled people
* this will make disabled people feel less valued

Another argument goes like this:

* most people with disabilities say that they would much rather be alive than have been killed in the womb
* allowing abortion on the grounds of disability therefore pre-empts the choice of the individual concerned

A third argument is that allowing abortion of a foetus with a disability permits [**eugenic abortion**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/abortion/medical/selective_1.shtml) - abortion to eliminate disabling genes from the human race.

We as disabled people are living in very uncertain times our very threat to life and well being is constantly threatened.

Many of us are fighting to simply exist with the threats to social care have never been more real.

During the last 12 years austerity has hit disabled people the most.

The Pandemic has also affected disabled people far more than non disabled people.

Therefore to allow abortion when a foetus to be aborted right up to the day of gestation poses a dilemma for those of us who have had and are having meaningful lives. It could be said that our very existence is without value.

Can I end by stating that of the 13.2 million people living in this country with a disability 76% of these people were not born disabled.

I fully support a women’s right to choose whether to have an abortion but this must be within the 24 weeks NOT up to the day of gestation.

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