

Pro-Life Compliance – Bündnis MenschenLeben

This declaration describes what we stand for. A coalition partner is guided by the following values and rules of conduct – from project-based to permanent partnership:

1. Core Beliefs and Objectives

- a) **Protecting life as our core objective:** Pregnant women in need require genuine help and prospects for the future, not the termination of a pregnancy. Abortion ends the life of a defenceless child and causes harm to many women, both physically and emotionally, even when the highest medical standards are applied. We want to help ensure that abortion becomes unnecessary and unthinkable in our society.
- b) **Protection from the very beginning:** We actively promote the belief within society and the public sphere that every human being is equally deserving of protection at every stage of their existence – from the moment of successful fertilisation until natural death. To this end, we also seek dialogue with counselling centres, medical professionals and political stakeholders.
- c) **Comprehensive support:** We are committed not only to protecting human life before birth, but also to providing comprehensive support after birth, through counselling, practical assistance, accommodation and financial support.
- d) **Peaceful protest and non-violence:** Our commitment is peaceful and excludes any form of threats, coercion or personal harassment.
We reject prenatal violence just as much as any unlawful violence against those who have been born. We rely on education, counselling, practical help and prayer.
However, non-violence does not mean passivity. We do not shy away from debate, but protest resolutely against human rights violations before birth and do not shy away from controversy, even if this is uncomfortable or meets with resistance.

2. Core Principles and Values

- a) **Scientific basis:** Our work is based on the established biological and medical consensus of modern embryology, according to which the existence of every human being begins with the fusion of an egg and a sperm cell to form a living organism possessing a unique human genome that remains with it throughout its life. This genetic uniqueness proves that the unborn child is not part of the mother's body, but an independent, new human being. Legally admissible DNA identity analyses are based on this.
- b) **Universal human rights:** Our argument is based on the universally recognised human rights to which every member of the human family is entitled. In particular, we invoke human dignity, the right to life, equality before the law, and the prohibition of discrimination, which expressly prohibits discrimination on the grounds of birth.
- c) **Christian faith:** Our motivation is generally rooted in mercy, love for one's neighbour and Christian values. That is why we treat women facing a pregnancy conflict or following an abortion with compassion and without judgement. We support people suffering from the emotional consequences of an abortion without prejudice – for we believe in God's loving grace, which opens a path to inner peace and relief for the conscience.

3. Political and denominational stance

- a) **Neutrality:** In our public relations work, we remain neutral in terms of religious denomination and party politics.
- b) **Rejection of enemy stereotypes:** We reject polarisation, enemy stereotypes and class struggle thinking. Instead of social division, we seek what unites us.
- c) **Rejection of political prejudices:** We refuse to be pigeonholed into political camps. In terms of conventional categorizations, we are both right-wing and left-wing:
 - „Right“, because we stand on the right side of the law when we advocate for human rights, justice, and the rule of law.
 - „Left“, because we are convinced that every human being is of equal worth, and we oppose discrimination and group-based hostility, whether based on whether a person has been born yet, their health status or sex.

4. Dialogue

- a) **Willingness to engage in dialogue:** We seek constructive dialogue with everyone. We reject accusations of ‘guilt by association’. For us, willingness to engage in dialogue is not a concession, but a requirement of human dignity, freedom of opinion and freedom of speech.
- b) **A respectful, clear tone:** We treat those with differing views with respect and without resorting to personal attacks, defamation or denigration. At the same time, we call out injustice for what it is – using objective arguments, even when this is uncomfortable.
- c) **Willingness to learn:** We want to learn from the positive experiences of other stakeholders and from our own and others’ mistakes. This can only be achieved through free dialogue and open debate.

5. Cooperation

- a) **Openness and Diversity:** We work across denominational and party lines with everyone who is guided by the goals and values of this declaration – without needing to agree on all other convictions. We support diversity within the pro-life movement, and we stand behind partners who take different strategic paths or choose new, creative, and lawful forms of action – celebrating every success together.
- b) **Solidarity with partners:** We maintain loyal relationships with stakeholders who share our goals and values. We do not, as a matter of principle, express differences of opinion or criticism publicly, but rather through direct, confidential dialogue.
- c) **Confidentiality and data protection:** We always treat sensitive information as confidential. This includes both personal data in accordance with the GDPR and confidential internal communications, concepts, plans and strategic content.
- d) **Communication and de-escalation:** To ensure a consistent and professional public image, we coordinate our external communications internally and recommend that our partners do the same. In the event of defamation, unobjective campaigns or media attacks, we do not react impulsively, but rather in a de-escalating, transparent and fact-based manner.