The Equal Rights Argument

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The conversation revolves around three questions.

1. Equal Rights Argument.
    a. ***Should we have an equal right to life?***
    b. ***Do you think that means there is something the same about us?***
    c. ***What's the same about us?***
        i. (Criteria for answers: would that answer entail equal rights for all adults, infants, and animals?)
        ii. ***Humanness.***
        iii. Embryology texts: human life begins at fertilization.
            1. "Human development begins at fertilization, when a sperm fuses with an oocyte to form a single cell, the zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell (capable of giving rise to any cell type) marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual."
            (Keith L. Moore, The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology, 10th edition. Philadelphia, PA: Saunders, 2016. p. 11). Dr. Maureen Condic, *The Origin of Human Life at Fertilization: Quotes Compiled from Medical Textbooks and Peer-Reviewed Scientific Literature*: http://bdfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Condic-Sources-Embryology.pdf.
            2. "Development begins with fertilization, the process by which the male gamete, the sperm, and the female gamete, the oocyte, unite to give rise to a zygote."
            (Sadler, T. W. Langman's Medical Embryology, 10th edition. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2006. p. 11).
            3. "Perhaps the most straightforward relation between you and me on the one hand and every human fetus from conception onward on the other is this: All are living members of the same species, homo sapiens. A human fetus, after all, is simply a human being at a very early stage in his or her development… A defense of abortion that seeks to engage critics of abortion on their own terms must therefore take this assumption as a given."
            (Boonin, David. A Defense of Abortion (Cambridge University Press, 2003), 20-21). https://prolifetraining.com/resources/the-case-for-life/ (click on the scientific case).