

Sex-selective abortion

SIR – I am appalled at the suggestion by Professor Wendy Savage that women should be able to abort a baby which is not of the sex they want (report, March 20).

And why does she think it is “outrageous” for hospitals to refuse to disclose the sex of a baby in the womb? It is not so long ago that such a thing was impossible anyway. Why is it that if a thing can be done, it must be done?

The professor asserts that a 24-week foetus isn’t an “actual human life”. Does she think that, between the womb and the exit from the birth canal, a magical transformation occurs? Any mammal that carries young in the womb is carrying a developing creature of the very same species. Why are human young regarded as different?

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