

**Children with Down Syndrome do not have to be born in this day and age. When parents know that the child they are expecting has the Down Syndrome they should abort it. They cost society so much money.**

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**Why?**

*(Try to find out what feelings and needs are alive in the other person: empathic resonance)*

Do you feel frustrated/anxious when you see how much money and care these children cost society and their parents because you think financial safety is important?

I guess what you're saying is that you are frustrated that children with Down are born although their parents knew they were disabled because they cost society too much money.

**What if?**

*(‘Mirror questions’: how would it be if you were standing in the shoes of that person)*

Do you know parents and children with Down? What do you think is the quality of their lives? How would you react when you heard your baby was disabled and you should not have let it be born?

**Self-reflection**

*(Questions you can ask yourself in silence to support yourself in understanding the other person)*

How important is financial safety for me?

When do I need it?

How do I feel when this need is not fulfilled?

**Empowerment**

*(More information on the issue and tips how to explore the problem and continue the discussion)*

Children with Down Syndrome are mentally disabled and have certain medical problems more often than other children have. The care for these children costs not only society but also families' money, patience and a lot of care time, as is the case with others who need 24-hour care e. g. like people chronically ill or the growing number of senior citizens. Despite this, children with Down are still people that develop, enjoy, live and are loved. They contribute to social costs by working in special workshops.

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