

Candidate 5 evidence

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6.	<p>The Sanctity of life is central to the debate about abortion</p>
	<p>After looking at the An abortion is known as the conscious end of a pregnancy, also known as a termination. It is a controversial issue in which many believe there are key moral issues when debating it, one I believe one central to it is the Sanctity of life, often used when looking at religious perspectives</p>
	<p>In Greek and Roman times it was seen that there was no value to human life, you could be killed without any thought behind if this was an issue or not. This was until the spread of Christianity which since its introduction has had a great impact on the the</p>

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debate panel abortion.	
Christians believe that we were created by God, in his image as stated in Genesis 1 and 2. This creates the idea that we are very special compared to other life forms and we have a part of God within us. This is seen throughout various sections of Christianity but especially in Catholic views on Abortion. In the document of procreed abortion it states abortion to be a grave sin as it is the destruction of life. Life is sacred as God has made us specially and only he should have the power to take life away if he deems necessary. This leads the Roman Catholic Church to oppose abortion in any sit circumstance, even	

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incest
rape and ~~abuse~~.

^{viewpoint}
This ~~statement~~ helps to uphold the
Sanctity of life and protect the rights
of the unborn, giving it a voice. However,
this has the consequence of forcing ~~it~~
rape victims to ~~keep their~~ ^{live} a constant
reminder of the ~~fact~~ ^{trauma} they have
experienced if forced to keep this child.

This obviously is a drawback of the
Catholic argument as it does not seem to
care about the person's ~~the~~ emotions when
in this difficult situation. The Catholic
counterargument to this however ~~is~~ believes
that because life is sacred, the innocent
life of a child should come before
feelings, arguably a cold statement
however they strongly believe the life
of an innocent should pay for the crimes

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of others. This Catholic viewpoint shows that the sanctity of life is obviously important when looking at the debate about abortion as it is fundamental to understanding why our lives should be protected. However, I believe that the feelings of the mother cannot be pushed to the side as it suggests as it is an emotional situation for her that will impact her life greatly.

The Catholic Church proposes the alternative to abortion should be adoption as this protects the unborn's life while helping the mother if she cannot cope. However, with ¹²⁰⁰⁰ 1000 children ~~and~~ children in care in October 2018, should we really be adding to that number? It seems as if when looking

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at the Sanctity of life, ^{Catholics} ~~Christians~~ only
Care about the unborn, ~~with~~ not the
Child after this clearly is not virtuous
as Shows many flaws within keeping
the Sanctity of life ~~Central~~ to the debate,
it does not encompass what happens after
pregnancy. This letting down both mother
and child. In my opinion this is reverse to
create a bit of Separation between the
Sanctity of life and the debate about
abortion as it is failing families who have the
Same issues during pregnancy after the birth.

While ~~the~~ Christianity preaches the sanctity
of life, UK law does not encompass
that at all. Instead, it puts the mother
mental and physical wellbeing first stating
that abortion is kept up to 24 weeks if it
negatively affects the mother in any way.

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This helps to increase autonomy of the mother which sanctity of life arguments often limit however the law does have ~~drawbacks. But that is not help~~ drawbacks.

The human Rights Declaration and the Christian belief both express that everyone deserves the right to life. Supporting the idea of the sanctity of life. This however can arguably not be seen in the UK law which states that abortions can be granted on the terms of the potential child being severely disabled. This in turn strips all rights away from the disabled as it suggests that their lives do not get protected the same way everyone else's lives do. This is obviously a huge disadvantage of the law not looking at the sanctity of

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	<p>life as it suggests that terminating the life of someone under the grounds of something 'wrong' with them is acceptable. This failure to protect certain groups in society leads anti-abortion groups such as 'Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust' to compare the termination of unborn to mass genocide. This leaves me to believe we need to be careful when suggesting which groups in society are entitled to the sanctity of life all the days that live when we take them away, which is seen in the Down Syndrome population.</p> <p>'A World without Down Syndrome' was a 2016 documentary that explores the rise in number of abortions related to Down Syndrome. It showed that our ^{society} current system is</p>

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	<p>gives no value to the life of those with Downs, a chromosomal disorder which can be detected at 12 week scans.</p> <p>The documentary reveals that 9/10 women terminate if they find out their child has downs and asks us if this is acceptable. This This creates a slippery slope argument as to when happens when we ship the rights away from disabled people and essentially kill them off due to something they can't help. It does not seem fair to do this as it is having serious consequences on the Downs population, for example in Iceland 100% terminate for Downs.</p> <p>Slowly suggesting that this ^{the} population of Downs will be wiped out. This issues leaves me to believe that the the sanctity of life needs to be central to the debate</p>

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	<p>on of Abortion as there is nothing protecting innocent lives if we take away life being sacred, which arguably is a disadvantage of our society as we are shipping away individuality amongst the population. Therefore making me agree that^{to a} large extent the sanctity of life is central to the debate about abortion.</p>
	<p>In direct contrast to these views on protecting and upholding the importance of the sanctity of life, utilitarian Peter Singer strongly opposes that the sanctity of life. Singer believes that is not every human life is sacred just because we are human. Instead, we need to show a level of consciousness and intelligence in order for our lives to have some sanctity surrounding it. However, a consequence of this</p>

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	<p>view is that it suggests that those who are disabled do not deserve to be protected as many who have disabilities can struggle to show levels of consciousness. For example, Singer believes an animal such as Koiko the Gorilla, an animal which displays ^{shows} high levels of both consciousness and intelligence, has more of a right to life than that of a fetus with anencephaly, meaning their cerebrum hasn't formed so they can't display consciousness. In doing this, it would open the idea of the sanctity of life up to animals as well as humans, which would be a strength as it would help preserve life. However, this has dangerous consequences for embryos and fetuses as they too cannot display consciousness, meaning that abortion for</p>	

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them would be seen as justifiable as the sanctity of life would not be relevant to them. Overall, I think this view shows the dangers of their not being a clear definition of who exactly deserves to have sanctity surrounding their lives and ~~life~~. Therefore shows the importance of having the sanctity of life central to the debate about abortion.

Overall in conclusion, it can be seen that although the sanctity of life suggests less autonomy and freedom in choices, it helps to protect the rights of those who are vulnerable and cannot have a voice in the debate. This leads me to support the sanctity of life being ~~the~~ central to the debate about abortion to

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	<p>a certain extent as I believe too much it has potential to strip the rights of the mother but too little of it and it strips the rights of the unborn. Therefore it can only be central and therefore influential to a certain extent to create a happy medium for all and to protect everyone's right to life.</p>