

Candidate 1 evidence

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5 Resource Sheet	
Candidate Name:	Scottish Candidate Number:
<p>Abortion is when a woman purposefully terminates a pregnancy. Bodily autonomy/ foetus life/women's choice .200000 days 73000000 years, 138.8 minutes. Women are forced to give birth and give up months of their lives. Women choose, baby or not.</p> <p>pro-life = right to life pro-choice = right to choose</p> <p>Christians. Conception = life. Abortion = murder. "thou shalt not kill" (exodus 21:13) 6th commandment</p> <p>Judaism. Birth = life. The Torah, Exodus 21:22-23, is a story about an injured pregnant woman who miscarried bc injury, perpetrator only pays fine. Foetus ≠ mother. Abortion for mothers' health.</p> <p>Roe versus Wade, 1973 America that legalising abortion whole US almost 50 years, until June 24th 2022 12/01/ 2024, 24/50 states criminalised abortion "The inescapable conclusion is that a right to abortion is not deeply rooted in the Nation's history and traditions. On the contrary, an unbroken tradition of prohibiting abortion on pain of criminal punishment persisted from the earliest days of the common law until 1973." - Justice Samuel Alito. No new laws, worm not born last illegal</p> <p>ireland in 2019 abortion ok, <12 weeks pregnant</p> <p>abortion shouldn't be dictated by religion/ tradition, women should decide for herself if she wants a baby or not.</p>	

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1.1 To what extent is abortion morally justifiable?

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Abortion is when a woman purposefully terminates a pregnancy. It is a current relevant issue as it deals with a woman's right to bodily autonomy whether a foetus has a right to life or if it is only the woman's decision if she keeps the unborn child or not. Each day approximately 200,000 abortions take place that's 73 million a year and 138.8 a minute. So many women are impacted by abortion all over the world, ~~so~~ in so many countries that don't allow abortion women are forced to give up 9 months of their lives, unable to work or in pain for some just to expell the baby out of them in an excruciatingly painful way. This is horribly wrong and should not be happening in the modern world, women should be able to decide if she wants to give birth and care for a child or not, either way it ~~should~~ should be her decision.

Many people believe that there is only two sides to the abortion argument. For and against. Well yes they are the two main ones but different beliefs or religions fall somewhere inbetween 100% agree and 100% disagree. The main two arguments are most commonly known as Pro-life ~~pro-life~~ and pro-choice. Pro-life is the belief that abortion is always morally wrong and never justifiable as the

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2 baby has a right to life that should be held. Pro-choice is the belief that the pregnant woman is the only person who can decide if she remains pregnant or has an abortion, it is her choice.

~~Most~~ Most Christians think that abortion is always wrong ~~no~~ no matter the circumstances because they believe that life begins at conception. This means that the moment fertilisation ~~occurs~~ occurs that event in its small state it is considered a living person. This shows that they believe abortion is murder and Christians always believe that murder is wrong. "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 21:13) the 6th commandment. This demonstrates further evidence that Christians believe that abortion is always wrong.

In some different religions, however they ~~don't~~ don't consider abortion murder. In Judaism they believe life begins at birth not at conception. In the ~~Torah~~ Torah, Exodus 21:22 - 23 there is a story surrounding an injured pregnant woman who miscarried because of the injuries, the perpetrator only has to pay a fine for the injuries and miscarriage. This shows that in Judaism the mother's life and the baby's life are not equal and that the mother's life is more valuable than the unborn baby's because if in the story the mother had died the ~~perpetrator's~~ perpetrator's consequences are such, ~~not~~ not

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3 more severe. Judaism does allow abortions but only in cases where the mother's life is at risk or just her health. Both physical and mental health are included in this.

Quite famously America overturned Roe versus Wade, a 1973 American lawsuit that ended up legalising abortion for the whole of the US for almost 50 years, until June 24th 2022 when America decided each individual American state could choose to keep abortion or to make it illegal. As of 12/01/24 24/50 states have criminalised abortion, leaving so many women helpless in these situations.

~~As a result of this~~ One of America's reasons for this is "the inescapable conclusion is that a right to abortion is not deeply rooted in the nation's history and traditions. On the contrary, an unbroken tradition of prohibiting abortion on pain of criminal punishment persisted from the earliest days of the common law until 1973" - Justice Samuel Alito, speaking for the Majority.

Simply, this statement makes no real sense as a reason for not allowing abortion, it suggests that the American country cannot ~~and~~ change and grow, it also suggests new laws shouldn't be implemented because they don't have a connection with tradition or history. The connection with tradition and history is also ~~poor~~ puzzling as the women mainly affected by this drastic change in law were

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4 not even born last time abortion was illegal so the "traditions" and "history" do not impact these women as they were not even alive when the traditions last happened, some of the mothers may have not even been alive then.

Abortion is an extremely important issue in the modern world which is why ancient religions and traditions most people never have experienced should not be affecting the choice to legalise it especially since it should be up to women to decide to have an abortion or give birth to a child. Both choices deserve to be respected and supported all over the world, with out fear of judgement from others or imprisonment for not wanting to be a mother.