

oral quarrel

Abortion: Opinions divided

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers: How do you stand on the abortion question? Please explain why you feel the way you do? Following are the responses:

Women should have the right to decide whether or not to have the child. It should be between themselves, their doctor and their minister or rabbi.

I think abortion should be legalized and legalized. Every woman has the right to make her own decision and what she wants to do with it.

I don't believe in abortion but I think we have to reach the situation why we are having so many abortions and what causes it. It's men and women. This is our problem. I think our men and women have to be educated and realize for their pleasure they are taking a life. I think rape, that would be up to the woman. If she was raped and she wanted to have an abortion, that would be up to her.

I am for abortion. I figure the woman should have the choice whether or not to have the child. I am also in favor of abortion in cases of rape and in cases of minors.

I think the abortion laws should stand as it is on the books. You, as an individual, must live with yourself regardless of what your decision may be about abortion. So, therefore, I feel it is a right that is entitled to the person for them to make the decision as they see fit for them.

I am pro choice. Every woman should have an opportunity to make such a decision.

I am opposed to the abortion issue because I think unborn babies have a right to life and I think science is proving that more and more. Certainly the

body has a heart beat and brain waves which constitute part of what it means to be a human being.

I am pro choice because I think women should have the right to decide what they want to do.

I am pro choice on the abortion issue. I don't feel that anyone has the right to decree how a woman should choose. It is dealing with her body more so than with the fetus of the unborn and I feel the woman is the one who has to pay with the pregnancy.

A few years ago I was pregnant and needed to make the decision whether or not to have an abortion. At that time in my life, the chances were that I was going to have a deformed child. At that point I made the decision to have an abortion. I am happy that I had the opportunity to decide what was right or wrong for my body and for myself. If I had to make that decision all over again, I would do the same thing. To make the decision to have an abortion was a painful, difficult choice for me. But I am thrilled that I had the opportunity to make that choice and believe that women should have and must have that decision to choose what is right for their own body.

I am totally opposed to abortion. I believe that life begins at conception and I believe it is a human being. I think that now with test tube babies, they can be implanted into the woman and therefore I think that is a clear indication of when life begins.

I think the abortion issue should be decided on the basis of the fact that the fetus is a human being from the moment of conception. Scientific facts point to the idea that the fetus is a developing human being from that point onward. It is homicide not murder.

I feel abortion is illegal because scientific studies points to the fact that the fetus is a developing human being and has the same rights to a human being outside the womb. Only when the mother's life is seriously threatened by the continuation of the pregnancy should abortion be legal.

I vote for pro abortion. I believe that women should make the final decision depending on the circumstances of their health and their lives. To force a woman to bring up a child she can't afford and doesn't want is criminal.

Well abortion is murder and the people like the National Organization of Women can try to sweep this fact under the rug forever but it is still murder, murder, murder.

I think people ought to take a look at the children they are denying other people to have. There are so many people out there who want children and don't get the chance. It is really unfair to deny life.

I am definitely against abortion because I believe life begins at conception and to terminate life at any stage, whether it is before birth or after, constitutes murder. This is every bit a crime as any hoodlum would perpetrate against his fellow man.

I believe a woman should have the right or not to give birth to a child. Pro-life talks about killing. I believe more attention should be given to help feed, clothe and educate the children who need it most and around the world. Back up to the beginning, have the right to have or not to give birth to a child.

I am definitely against abortion and the reason I feel that way is I was born during the depression into a family that did not plan to have another child and even though they couldn't afford me,

they had me and I will be forever grateful.

I am pro choice because if abortions are made illegal, a woman who wants an abortion will still get one. The only difference being that the rich will be able to afford a legal abortion and the poor will have to resort to unsafe measures.

We Americans have the freedom of speech. We should have the right to make a choice. Let the rulings stay the way they are.

Abortions should be kept legal. Why should we support unwanted children with our tax dollars through state welfare programs.

I think abortions is the taking of a human being's life.

Why don't they change the laws so they can go back to those back alley abortions like they had over 12 years ago. Leave the laws the way they are and we will all be happier.

No way. I put two kids up for adoption. They are both college graduates now and I don't believe in killing life.

Abortion is certainly not to be taken lightly. It is not an alternative to responsible birth control. School, parents, churches and doctors should put aside prudery and emphasize both morals and sexual responsibilities. But if and when all else fails, I am pro choice.

I am pro choice. A woman must be allowed to decide what is best in her particular circumstances.

I am pro life. It seems to me the only logical place for human life to begin is conception. It is ridiculous to think that the baby is human after it is born but not before it is born.

I am strongly in favor of pro choice. I feel every woman has the right to determine what she wants to do with her body and I feel those that are against this shouldn't participate in it but shouldn't limit the choice of others that wish to.

I think that the abortion issue is demoralizing. I think it is a disgrace and I think that we shouldn't even have to be into the situation. I think people should realize that taking the life of an unborn child is the same thing as taking the life of a child whether it is one month or two months old. I feel if people were educated enough they wouldn't be doing what they are doing today.

I am dead set against abortion. Abortion is wrong, murder is wrong. What is the difference between abortion before nine months or what society calls murder after nine months? A life is taken.

Abortions are murder. How can anyone justify an abortion? There has to be life to enable anything or anyone to grow. What is the difference then between terminating a life before nine months by abortion or by throwing a 10 or 12 month child in the river to drown?

I am strongly pro choice on the abortion issue. I think women must have control over their own body and that the biggest crime would be to again force women into an illegal back street type abortions.

I am strongly opposed to abortions because I consider it the deliberate destruction of innocent human life. Historically the taking of human life to solve social problems has resulted in grave consequences for the society in which it takes place. What makes Americans think that they are immune from the results of such legislation.

How can anyone not say abortion is murder? Webster's dictionary defines abortion as the loss of the fetus from the womb before it becomes viable. The definition of viable: at the stage of de-

velopment that will permit it to live and develop under normal conditions.

Abortion is wrong. It is not a question of when life begins. The fetus is alive and no doctor will dispute that. If there would be no reason for abortion. It is a human biological category; therefore, it is a human being. The question is does a human life have value or we decide we can kill any human who is handicapped or in need of assistance to live. James Watson said all newborn should be denied human rights for three days after birth so they can be eliminated if they are unacceptable.

I would not have an abortion but I think that somebody else should have the chance to decide for themselves. So I am for abortion.

I do not believe in abortion. Life begins at conception and in some cultures, you are one year old at birth and it is totally against the commandment: Thou shalt not kill.

I am against abortion. It is the destruction of innocent, human life.

I am against abortion. The use of the ultra sound has proved that the child in the course of abortion suffers agonizing pain. Abortion is murder.

Abortion is not strictly a matter of personal conscience. It affects all of us. I am afraid our society is going to be wiped out one day completely. Over 4,500 innocent lives are taken every day in the course of abortion.

At one time it was projected the United States population would be over three hundred million by the year 2000. That has now been reduced to 245 million because of abortion. Abortion is killing 1.5 million unborn children each year because they are not wanted. They are the intrusion that would diminish the quality of life for parents. So the argument goes on.

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HOW DOES FLUID IN THE KNEE GET THERE?
Fluid in the knee is a response by cells lining the joint cavity, to irritation in the joint.
This irritant can come from a variety of sources: a thorn, a blow, or an infection. In addition, there are instances when by-products from the breakdown of tissues in the joint can irritate the knee.
In osteoarthritis, the breakdown of cartilage releases enzymes which cause the knee joint lining cells to secrete extra fluid. In rheumatoid arthritis, antigen-antibody combinations coming to rest near the lining cells, create similar irritation.
No matter what its cause, the excess fluid causes pain by distending the joint, and impairs walking by pushing the joint structures out of proper alignment.
Treatment takes two forms. One is medicine to stop the underlying irritation from continuing. The second therapy is to remove the fluid that has already accumulated, underlying a joint aspiration accomplishes both goals. The needle, inserted into the knee joint to remove the extra fluid, permits the injection of medicine in the form of steroids.
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