Rogerian argument: against pro-choice

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In January 1973, the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade declared it the woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy. This was the case that legalized abortions worldwide. Abortion is a highly controversial topic and many people have different opinions on it. Pro-lifers think it's morally wrong to kill an innocent child, while pro-choicers think it's the woman's decision. This topic has been debated for many years now and hopefully a consensus can finally be reached.

There are many pro-choice views on abortion. Primarily, it's believed that it's all in the power of the woman because it's their body. They have the decision to keep the baby or to abort it. Rape is also a big factor to consider. It isn't the woman's fault if she was taken advantage of and raped. I agree that it is cruel to force a woman to carry a pregnancy that was from the result of a rape. Therefore, she should have the right to an abortion. Also, more and more teenagers are getting pregnant at young ages. Teenage pregnancy may be dangerous to the mother and the baby. Moreover, abortion procedures are safe and don't cause lasting health issue. Abortions are termination of a pregnancy, not of the baby. A person's age isn't calculated at conception, it's calculated from their birth date. Therefore, life doesn't begin until after birth so it isn't considered to be murder. Lastly, there are families who are financially unstable and can't provide for a child. The baby won't get everything it needs and the baby could suffer. Overall, I understand that there are many reasons why abortions should be allowed.

The primary concern for both pro-choicers and pro-lifers is safety. This could include a safe abortion or the overall health and safety of the mother. Also, both sides could most likely agree that abortions should be allowed if a

woman is raped. It isn't the mother's fault if she is raped and shouldn't have to keep the baby. Also, the high use of contraceptives could be agreed as a good way to avoid pregnancy.

However, I believe that abortions are immoral and wrong. Abortion is murder and it's killing an innocent child, even if that child has yet to be born. Life begins at conception, so therefore babies have a right to life. Also, fetuses feel pain during the abortion process. During the eighth week of the first trimester, babies are beginning to develop the spinal reflex which is the most primitive response to pain (Ertelt, 1). Women should not be able to use abortion as a way of contraception. There are so many other forms of effective contraceptives that don't involve killing the baby. If a woman becomes pregnant, she should accept the responsibility that comes with producing a child. Parents should take responsibility for their actions and accept the consequences. The unborn baby shouldn't be punished for their mistake. When having sexual intercourse, the chance of pregnancy is always possible. However, precautions measure should be taken to lower the risk. If a woman isn't ready for a child, the choice of adoption is always available. There are tons of people who would be more than grateful to adopt a child. Overall, there are many reasons why abortions are morally wrong.

In conclusion, a consensus on abortions needs to be reached. I understand the reasons why pro-choicers think it's okay, but I still think it's immoral and wrong. However, I could agree and say that it's acceptable only in certain cases. Babies start developing as early as a few weeks after conception. Therefore I think abortions could be okay as long as they're done before the

4th or 5th week so it doesn't harm the baby. Also, they could be acceptable in extreme cases like rape. I don't think it's fair for a women to feel obligated to carry a pregnancy if she was raped. Most importantly, each family has different circumstances and the best decision should be made in regards to the baby.