

# Abortion

# USA – 1973: Roe vs. Wade

- Canada – 1988:
- No legal restrictions on abortion
- Abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy
- Legal vacuum
- Sex-selection abortion

# 2 Sides on Abortion:

## Right – to – life vs. pro-choice:

<b>Human fetus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A human life/person</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A non-person/tissue</li></ul>
<b>Abortion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not allowed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allowed at any time</li></ul>
<b>Principle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The sanctity of life</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The quality of life</li></ul>
<b>Mother's right</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fetal life is more important than women's rights</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women's rights triumph over fetal life</li></ul>

# Pro-abortion: Reasons

- Woman's rights to self-determination
- Pregnant women's safety & health
- Child abuse + neglect
- The Handicapped
- Rape & Incest

# Anti-abortion: Reasons:

- 1) A Biblical Basis: An unborn child with full personhood
  - Psalms 139: 13-16
  - Genesis 9:6
  - Jeremiah 1:5
  - Galatians 1:15-16

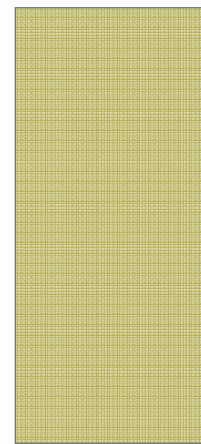
- Intrinsic, inherent?
- Extrinsic, alien?
  
- 2) Scientific evidence
- 3) Societal evidence

# **Special Situations:**

- When mother's life is threatened by the pregnancy
- Pregnancy resulting from rape and incest
- Disabled/handicapped babies

# 安樂死

「在忍受極大的身體或心靈痛苦時，人可以選擇安樂死嗎？」





## A. 定義

- 「在沒有痛苦的情況下安祥地死去。」

## B. 發展

- '70
- '80
- '90 至今
- 道德的抉擇

## C. 贊成積極安樂死理由

- 尊嚴地死去是道德權利
- 受憲法私隱權保障
- 對受苦病人是仁慈做法
- 對受苦病人是釋放
- 解除家人沉重經濟負擔
- 減輕社會重擔

# D. 基督徒立場與回應

- 從聖經看：生命神聖 - 創**1:26, 27; 9:6**
- 主權屬神 - 申**32:39; 伯1:21; 來9:27; 林前6:19-20**
- 從人良知看 - 人自然本性：活下去！
- 從理性思維看 - 自決權不是道德價值基石
- 從醫療角度看 - 痛楚可控制
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## E. 消極安樂死

- 病人是否有權拒絕治療？
- 若麻醉藥加速死亡，怎辦？

## F. 決定指標

- 疾病必須無可挽救
- 病人有否決權
- 集體決定