

Roe v. Wade

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Roe v. Wade was a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in 1973. It made abortion legal in many circumstances. The decision said that a woman's right to privacy extended to the unborn child. This meant that she could do what she wanted to with the child. The decision was 7-2, with Chief Justice Warren Burger and six other Justices voting for Roe, and justices William Rehnquist and Byron White voting against it.

This decision caused a lot of debate. People divided into pro-life and pro-choice groups. Pro-life people said that abortions should not be allowed because it is the killing of unborn babies. Pro-choice people said that a woman had the right to choose whether to have an abortion or not.

Roe was limited by a later decision called Webster v. Reproductive Health (1989), which allowed regulation of abortion in some cases. Several states have attempted to pass laws to undo Roe, but most of these have been found unconstitutional.

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