

ROE v. WADE I.Q. TEST

This test is designed to determine what Americans know about the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision. Please take the test from start to finish without researching the answers to give an accurate picture of what you know about the details of this historic decision.

NOTE: The U.S. Supreme Court's control over abortion laws is significantly influenced by two 1973 decisions: *Roe v. Wade (Roe)* and *Doe v. Bolton (Doe)*. To keep things simple, this I.Q. Test considers both rulings but refers to the better known of the two cases, *Roe*. So, *Roe* represents both *Roe* and *Doe* in the questions.

- 1) **Which most accurately describes when a woman may have an abortion under *Roe*?**
 - a. Anytime during the first three months (first trimester) of her pregnancy
 - b. Anytime during the first six months (second trimester) of her pregnancy
 - c. Anytime during her entire pregnancy
 - d. Anytime during the first three months, but can have an abortion later if the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest.

- 2) **Which best describes the limitations *Roe* places on why a woman may have an abortion?**
 - a. No limitations
 - b. Only in case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger
 - c. No limitations during the first three months of pregnancy, but only medically necessary abortions after that.

- 3) **True or False: *Roe* allowed late-term abortions.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 4) **True or False: If *Roe* were overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, abortion would immediately become illegal in the United States.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 5) **According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, about how many abortions have been performed in the United States since the *Roe* decision in 1973?**
 - a. Less than 10 million
 - b. 10-19 million
 - c. 20-29 million
 - d. 30-39 million
 - e. 40-49 million
 - f. 50-59 million
 - g. More than 60 million

- 6) **At what age does *Roe* require minor girls to have parental notification before an abortion?**
 - a. Parental notification is not required
 - b. Girls 18 and younger
 - c. Girls 16 and younger
 - d. Girls 13 and younger

- 7) **True or False: Roe allowed sex-selection abortions – abortions performed because of the sex of the baby (For example: parents wanting a boy instead of a girl – and vice-versa).**
- a. True
 - b. False
- 8) **What percentages of abortions are performed because of rape or incest?**
- a. More than 16 percent
 - b. 11-15 percent
 - c. 6-10 percent
 - d. 2-5 percent
 - e. Fewer than 1 percent
- 9) **Which of our nation’s founding documents contains the phrase “right to an abortion”?**
- a. Declaration of Independence
 - b. U.S. Constitution
 - c. Bill of Rights
 - d. None of the Above
 - e. All of the Above
- 10) **Which Supreme Court Justice said the following about Roe: “Roe v. Wade ... ventured too far in the change it ordered and presented an inadequate justification for its action.”**
- a. Justice Samuel Alito
 - b. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 - c. Justice Sandra Day O’Connor
 - d. Justice Antonin Scalia
 - e. Justice Clarence Thomas
- 11) **Which country’s laws make it easiest to have an abortion?**
- a. Finland
 - b. Great Britain
 - c. Ireland
 - d. United States
 - e. Mexico
- 12) **Under Roe, which of these are allowed to perform abortions?**
- a. Licensed physician
 - b. Nurse practitioner
 - c. Resident assistant
 - d. Registered nurse
 - e. All of the above

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