**“ELECTIVE TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY”**

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1. Summary of your background information:

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1. Circle the number of the Pro and Con arguments that you feel are valid.

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1. ***You, as lawmakers, are charged with writing abortion laws for your community. Check off the situations below in which someone in your community could have a legal abortion.***

**Life** - to save the life of the mother

**Health** - to preserve the physical health of the mother

**Mental** - to preserve the mental health of the mother

**Rape** - in cases of rape and incest

**Defect** - when the unborn child will have medical problems or birth defects

**Social** - for social and/or economic reasons, e.g. if the mother cannot afford to support a child

**Demand** - available on demand, no reason need be given

1. ***Do you, as a citizen, think the following women should be allowed to have an abortion? Under your laws, could she?***
2. **A 14 year-old teenager who was sexually abused by a friend of the family. That abuse resulted in her pregnancy.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**2. A 39 year-old single mother of five children who is dependent on governmental programs to help provide for her family. She is only able to work outside of the home part-time.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**3. A 36 year-old woman who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and requires immediate chemotherapy in order to have a good chance of surviving the cancer.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**4. A 23 year-old woman who was brutally raped by her ex-boyfriend. She had a restraining order issued against him.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**5. A 30 year-old woman whose pre-natal tests show gross fetal anomalies, meaning severe birth defects.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**6. A 34 year-old mother of three, whose marriage is on the brink of divorce due to her husband’s severe depression, became pregnant as a result of sex she and her husband had on one of his very infrequent “good days”. Her husband has told her that having another child would almost certainly result in divorce given his mental health status.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**7. A 22 year-old woman who was recently diagnosed with HIV. There is a chance that the baby will be born HIV+ unless she can get AZT (the medicine that will help prevent the spread of HIV to her baby).**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**8. An 18 year-old who is planning to go to college on full academic scholarship. The condom broke that she and her boyfriend were using. She will lose her scholarship if she misses a semester at school.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**9. A 46 year-old woman who thought she was going through menopause when she did not get her period for six months. Her children are all grown and she is about to become a grandmother.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

**10. A 25 year-old woman with moderate developmental disabilities who lives in a group home. Her long-term boyfriend lives there as well. The group home does not provide housing for infants.**

*Abortion should be granted: Y N Under your laws: Y N*

1. ***If there were only one last abortion ever to be granted, which of the above should get it?***