# Roe v. Wade Decision

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### First Trimester
Abortion is legal due to the mother’s right to **privacy**; the doctor and mother can make the decision.

### Second Trimester
The State can regulate the abortion procedure to promote the health of the mother.

### Third Trimester
Same as Second Trimester, but the State may outlaw all abortions except for the health (death?) of the mother.

Mother’s health and safety is a concern throughout pregnancy.