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Intro: Respectful debate where a civilized discussion can be held on a very divisive topic.

Ground rules: each group gets one minute to answer, with 15 secs to wrap up at the end.

Responses are to the audience, and not to other members of the debate

Please no personal stories

This is a safe space, and personal stories will not be recorded in the notes

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These notes are a supplement for those who were not able to attend tonight's debate, and may not necessarily reflect the views of each group, or individuals associated with each group.

\*\*Sorry about the misspelling of names or the absence of names of those involved.

Wooster VOX Tori Horvath DJ Bell	Young Americans for Liberty Abby ? ? ?	Scots for Life Abby Brodenfelds Sara Mccreigh	k(NO)w Gena Cristo
Q: What will help lower the overall numbers of abortions in the US? A: Reform sex education- much of the sex ed in the US is repercussion based as opposed to contraception education. Teach what sex is, what STIs are and how they can get them. Increase resources through planned parenthood.	R: Waiting period laws: when a woman is considering abortion she is given info about procedures and having a required waiting period. More education and access to contraception. L: More options for birth control (male and female) on the market. Distribute more of the responsibility to men, making it easier on women, as sex is s/t between two people.	Providing women with the resources they need to continue pregnancy and raise children. Respect and value the option of adoption. Studies cited that women have abortions because they do not have the resources to continue pregnancy.	We need to rethink the way that we approach sex, and end miscommunications within sex. Allow more open communication about contraception.
Q: How can groups w divergent views build a common ground? A: Want the groups to understand that not a bunch of women want abortions. Want to	R: Agrees with scots for life. Not focusing on emotions or the extremes of the other group. Work together, respect, dialogue.	To build this common ground is that we look at women and children placed in their context. We need to look at the things that are surrounding women,	Understanding context is important- see where women are coming from. Governmental reforms outside of abortions- against cuts in welfare, etc, because

prevent unintended pregnancies, and to educate people on how to prevent them, esp teens.		and one way that we can talk about women is that making sure that pregnant women, esp low income, have the resources to continue pregnancy. extended leave, quality child care, more freedoms for pregnant women, ending of rape culture.	this does not speak to the issue. Access to info.
Q: What are the needs for students and how can we support them? A: Students are having sex. reduce the chance of accidental pregs, and STIs. More confidential facilities needed on campus. Also utilize resources of PP in Wooster. Involve nurses in better training.	R: Access to info, know your options. Not aware of many of the needs of students on campus. Further education. L: Wellness center should give better condoms. Wellness center needs to change some policies, usure of what they are.	Campus does not offer many resources to women who become pregnant. We don't offer family housing and women cannot live with children on campus. Lose much of financial aid when move off campus, not very flexible classes. Advocates reforms of these issues.	Know is meeting w the wellness center thursday. Agrees that WC needs to be better at explaining themselves and having a better attitude towards sex culture on campus. Spread the word about PP in the community.
Q: How do we acheive peaceful, respectful dialogue around abortion: It's hard when people have very strong opinions. Comprehensive education about what is going on when women are thinking of gettin an abortion and what happens when they do.	Respect, stop condemning the other side. It's an emotional issue where people mistakes on either side. It isn't productive to cast people into a box.	Listening and taking the time to shut your mouth to listen to one w a divergent point of view. We should be focusing more on the needs of women and the needs of families, instead of abortion. Holding assumptions can prevent true dialogue from taking place. To achieve beneficial dialogue, we need to put aside prejudices.	Lots of misunderstanding about both sides of the issue. Both sides were not presenting themselves respectfully w chalk wars. Prevent reactive dialogue and reactive hate. Healthier, more successful ways to dialogue if we open for communication.
Q: What is something that s/o w a diff view would be offensive to you?	R: We're all women, but if men even begin to get involved in the debate, they're	Hearing that they don't care about women or about children after they are born. Want to	The number of times people called a choice supporter a baby murderer. It's an issue

<p>We also think it's v offensive that we hate babies.</p> <p>Also when people stand outside PP and harass doctors, workers, and patients, because PP offers many resources, and it's not just right to harass anyone.</p> <p>We have passions for those that</p>	<p>condemned because they can't get pregnant. Men can also be a part of the debate even though they cannot give birth. Goes for both sides.</p> <p>L: Everyone is entitled to their own opinion because it covers so many different bases. This is something that people need to come to on their own- it's too personal.</p>	<p>get women the resources they need so they can feel good about their own positions.</p> <p>Assuming that all pro-life are religious or republican. It is a diverse group of individuals that have different beliefs.</p>	<p>of giving women resources, not about killing babies. It prevents the other side from really listening to the other side or from standing in the middle.</p>
<p>Q: Sex ed's role?</p> <p>Includes a multitude of aspects; makes teens make more informed decisions on pregnancy and sex and should be comprehensive: abstinence and contraception in case they decide to have sex. Should be a shame and judgement free space where they can get more info. Greatly reduces numbers of STIs and unwanted pregs.</p>	<p>R: Education is a fantastic thing. Republicans don't officially advocate abstinence only edu, yes it's only 100%, but still want access to contraception.</p> <p>L: Knowledge is power. Believes that abs only education doesn't work because there are a lot of hormones in young people's bodies. Teach a lot about sex ed so people can grow into life with some idea of how things work.</p>	<p>A lot of pro-lifers have a wide spectrum of sex ed. SFL has no official view, but support age appropriate edu. Supports most absitennce based pregs.</p>	<p>has no official stance. Needs a deeper conversation on what sex is. Abstinence should not be a part of sex ed, because it is a problematic line to tow when talking about sex ed. -Gina's view</p>
<p>Start audience Q's.</p> <p>Q: What are your opinions of Plan B?</p> <p>A: It's a good thing for women who had consensual or nonconsensual sex. It needs to be accessible and more affordable. It should be offered to patients who have come into the hospital</p>	<p>R: The view is varied. Many people see this as a better option to carrying a fetus to however long they may carry the child before abortion.</p> <p>L: It's a good thing.</p>	<p>According to the website, the pill prevents an already fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus. It interferes with newly created life, so are against it.</p>	<p>It is absolutely essential and should be avail at every health center and drug store, should be carried by health insurance, and should be carried by all hospitals. Even if one has had consensual sex. It is a necessary precaution, esp. if one get pregs from rape. It</p>

after they have been raped or sexually assaulted, which it isn't in ohio right now. It should be available.			is not an abortion pill.
<p>Q: Misconceptions on groups views on abortion and these issues: PP doesn't only provide abortions, has many other services. Misconceptions about what women have to do and what the actual procedure involved. Although we are affil w PP we manage our own events, and is mostly student run. We are working towards a sex positive space-include those who choose or do not want to have sex.</p>	<p>R: Most libs identify pro-choice, and repubs more pro-life, but not all are defined along these lines. Women should be more informed about health risks, and promote waiting periods. Dont advocate abstinence only. Not a bunch of old white men. L: YAL has many members on both sides of issues. Many libs are pro-life, under that standpoint that it is not the govs standpoint to impose these standards, but that it is the individuals.</p>	<p>Their position is not tied to a spec religious ideology, it is more tied to personal experiences. Group is politically and religiously neutral. Organization as a whole is not solely religious or political.</p>	<p>It's not our standpoint that if you get raped and get pregnant, you should get an abortion. You should just have access to the resources you need. Abortion is only 3% of what PP does. Defunding PP defunds resources for many communities.</p>
<p>Q: Options for women who can't raise a child. \\ A: Adoption or abortion are the only real option. The current foster care system sucks, and it's very hard to adopt- only the rich can adopt certain kids that they want. Also important to consider what it's like to carry a child to full term. Very strong emotional bond. Face emotional, social, and physical harm.</p>	<p>R: prefer adoption: legislative process should be easier for women to carry their pregs to term and for women to go through w adoption. It isn't realistic to ban ALL abortions. L: Yep;</p>	<p>Women should be able to get resources they need to raise their child. Also support arrangements for kinship care, semi-open adoption, or closed adoption. Also want women who are in the position of an unplanned pregs that there are life-affirming options for them. Women who find themselves having conceived from sexual assault- support life-affirming choices, cut ties to rapist.</p>	<p>Both abortion and adoption. You shouldn't have to go through a waiting period to make this decision. Both of these resources should be available and be presented in the same way. One should not be weighted more than the other.</p>
Q: why does abortion	R: Aboriton is s/t	They see a big dif btwn	It's because this issue

<p>seem to be the issue when there are other more pressing health concerns like stillborn?</p> <p>A: It's huge and controversial topic because many think it's a choice, many women feel that they had a choice or that they had an option. They feel they were just taking the only direction that they could take.</p>	<p>focused on other unrelated issues. So many other things that could be worked on instead of abortion. But it still needs to be talked about. Equal rights for all humans, shouldn't be focused on one issue.</p>	<p>intentional termination of ending of a preg as opposed to the accidental ending of a preg. There is a dif between what happens naturally and what happens intentionally.</p>	<p>calls to so many dif perspectives. It's because in the last few years there has been incredible increase on how women can direct their reproductive choices. Attack on reproductive rights. Dialogue has focused this way bc of these attacks. Also the culture of the media-abortion is a hot topic where foster care sys is not.</p>
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<p>Q: One law you would abolish in regard to this?</p> <p>A: Many regulations on abortion are state regulations, especially in ohio. Ohio has the most dangerous process of aborting a child. Esp. heartbeat law, where you have to listen to the heartbeat and see a sonogram. Make a law that protects the patients AND the doctors.</p>	<p>R: Undue burden of telling women all of the details of an abortion. They should be told this (?).</p> <p>L: Make this a state issue as opposed to a fed issue (isn't it already?). Don't live in states that forbid abortion.</p>	<p>Pro life mvmt is typ not in favor in RvW. Truly believe that change will not happen in the courts. Resources!!! So they can feel good about continuing pregs. increase practical resources for women and parents. Not wanting to forbid abortion but take away resources. In favor in less stringent adoption laws.</p>	<p>Doesn't understand why this is a question when Roe V wade has happened. Frustrated by each state's ability to limit this. It's outrageous that women have to jump through hoops. Highest court in the land has allowed this, women need to be able to make their own choice.</p>
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<p>Personal Questions:</p> <p>Q: Vox: what do you define as reproductive rights?</p> <p>A: A right a woman has over her repro health. Having all of the possible options for general repro health. The right that women have to have an</p>			
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abortion.			
<p>Q: View on medically nec. abortions?</p> <p>A: Support abortion as the choice of the mother. It is not our place to make an assumption of what is med. nec. But def in the case of rape. Really depends on the situation. What is the situation of the mother?</p>	<p>R: Echo S4L on ectopic pregs. Not enough info on what is a med nec abortion. Health of the mother was also referring to the mother's mental health (an issue in congress), do not neccess. agree with this. Ultimately it is the woman's choice. (???)</p> <p>L: What is med. nec.? Abortion should be an option no matter what in case of incest, rape-incest, rape, and health of the mother.</p>	<p>Two situations: Endangers the life of the mother and fetal disability/anomolies. The fetus does not have more rights than the mother. Support actions of docs that save the life of the mother but not the child. You cannot devalue the life of a fetus even if it has a disability. Also ectopic pregnancy, if left untouched, the mother and child would die. Should allow this.</p>	<p>In cases of rape, yes. An individ woman has the right to decide what med nec is.</p>
<p>Q: Is it morally right to ban abortion altogether?</p> <p>A: Nope. Abortions were going on before it was actually legal. Won't stop if they are banned. Will make it much more unsafe for women, should be regulated so it's safe as possible and should be readily avail.</p>	<p>R: Varies from person to person. There should be certain steps towards the more pro-life practice. Abortions should not nec be easy to come by. It shouldn't be a quick decision, and it's a very sensitive issue.</p> <p>L: Libs think that this isn't the govs decision, it's a personal moral decision. Dont need more rich old white guys making decisions for them.</p>	<p>It's hard to speak for a diverse spectrum of viewpoints. Depends on who you ask. Many pro life are moving away from reverse RvW, but make it more socially acceptable to parent or give up for adoption. Agree w DJ that this really isn't a choice for many women.</p>	<p>THis is just the view of Gina: No, there are no legal reasons for impeding upon a woman's choice. Where is the line? This is a convo for a woman and her doctor.</p>
<p>Q: Do you believe minors have the right to make their own decision on this issue?</p> <p>A: If you're having the adult decision of having sex, then you can make the adult decision to</p>	<p>R: It's a rough question, with not many good answers. If it were a perfect world, fams would be stable and incest wouldn't happen. If you're under 18, your parents do have certain</p>	<p>There should be the parental support in the home, and if there isn't there are other outlets if there aren't. SShould be safe spaces for girls to go to if their home is not safe.</p>	<p>Becoming more of an issue of parental consent. It's a hard question. Depends on the situation. The reality is that people come from many dif backgrounds, so</p>

<p>have an abortion. Also minors should have better access to contraception.</p>	<p>burdens to look after you. Hopefully support should come from parents. It is the parents place to make certain decisions, at least parental notification.</p> <p>L: It's a parent's job to raise their children as best as possible. If they don't think their child couldn't make the best decision in the situation, then that's the parent's job. Teach children right from wrong (???). You shouldn't have to have your mom to sign a permission slip to have an abortion.</p>		<p>situation is dif for everyone. If a woman or young girl comes to this sit, she should def be able to make her own decision.</p>
<p>Q: Abortion is the big debate, and why is there no generational divide. Didn't hear the whole question really, and it was unclear to many of the speakers.</p> <p>A: Divide between prolife and prochoice because of media sensationalization, forcing individuals to make a choice. PP wants to change the way it's approached: Repro rights vs. choice. Also, there is a generational divide.</p>	<p>R: There is a generational divide in attitudes towards sex. It is generational in some aspects.</p>	<p>~~~~~????? people are divided on this issue it's not a generational issue but a moral issue</p>	<p>~~~~~???????</p>