# Roe v. Wade: The Landmark Supreme Court Case that Legalized Abortion in the United States

Roe v. Wade is one of the most controversial and consequential Supreme Court cases in American history. Decided in 1973, the case legalized abortion in the United States, and it has been the subject of intense debate ever since.



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#### The Origins of Roe v. Wade

The Roe v. Wade case began in 1970, when a young woman named Norma McCorvey filed a lawsuit against the Dallas County District Attorney,

Henry Wade. McCorvey, who was using the pseudonym "Jane Roe," was pregnant and wanted an abortion, but Texas law at the time prohibited abortion except to save the life of the mother.

McCorvey's lawsuit was one of several that were filed in the early 1970s challenging the constitutionality of abortion laws. In 1973, the Supreme Court consolidated several of these cases and heard them together.

#### **The Supreme Court's Decision**

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court issued its decision in Roe v. Wade. The Court held that the right to privacy under the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution includes the right to have an abortion. The Court also held that states could not ban abortion outright, but could regulate it in certain ways.

The Roe v. Wade decision was a major victory for abortion rights activists. However, the decision has also been the subject of intense controversy ever since it was issued.

#### The Impact of Roe v. Wade

The Roe v. Wade decision has had a profound impact on American society. The decision has legalized abortion in the United States, and it has made it easier for women to obtain abortions. The decision has also reduced the number of illegal abortions, and it has helped to make abortion safer.

The Roe v. Wade decision has also been the subject of intense debate. Pro-life activists have argued that the decision is wrong and that it should be overturned. Pro-choice activists have argued that the decision is correct and that it should be upheld.

The Roe v. Wade decision is one of the most important Supreme Court cases in American history. The decision has had a profound impact on American society, and it is likely to continue to be debated for many years to come.

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