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Quiz #13

1. What is Don Marquis' ethical argument against abortion? Why does Marquis believe that he doesn't need to rely on the personhood status to support his ethical claim?
 - Don Marquis' ethical argument against abortion focuses on the moral implications of killing a fetus and the inherent value of the potential future that is lost in the process. Marquis believes that what makes killing wrong is not just the act of depriving someone of their life but the deprivation of the valuable future that the person would have had if they were allowed to live, and thus by aborting a fetus, one is robbing it of the chance to experience life and the value that comes with its future lived experiences.
 - Marquis believes that he doesn't need to prove personhood to support his claim as the main ethical consideration of depriving a being of its potential future, and so does not hinge, as most arguments do, where the exact line of personhood begins when discussing abortion.