# Contemporary Moral Problems

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* Standard Anti-Abortion Argument
  + It is wrong to kill an innocent person
  + A fetus is an innocent person
    - There’s no non-arbitrary dividing line between a zygote and the person it becomes
    - Therefore a zygote is a person
  + Abortion is the killing of a fetus
  + Therefore, abortion is wrong
* Refutation By Analogy
  + Refutation of an argument by way of a distinct argument with the same logical form, but which has an obvious flaw.
  + Example
    - There’s no non-arbitrary dividing line between an acorn and the oak tree it becomes.
    - Therefore, an acorn is an oak tree
  + Example 2
    - Persons have a right to life
    - A fetus is a potential person
    - Therefore a fetus has a right to life
    - It’s not valid since the truth of the premises doesn’t mean the conclusion is true.

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* The Extreme View
  + Abortion is never morally permissible.
  + Argument
    - A fetus is a person
    - All persons have the right to life
    - The mother has the right to bodily autonomy
    - The right to life is stronger than the right to bodily autonomy
    - Therefore, abortion is impermissible
    - The right to bodily autonomy is the right to decide what happens in and to one’s own body.
* The Famous Violinist
  + The famous violinist is a person
  + All persons have the right to life
  + You have the right to bodily autonomy
  + The right to life is stronger than the right to bodily autonomy
  + Therefore, unplugging is impermissible
  + Clearly a false argument
* The Right to Life
  + 3 Views