

Marquis' Account of the Wrongness of Killing

WK: If an act deprives something of a valuable future, then (other things being equal) performing that act is morally wrong.

Marquis' argument demonstrating the wrongness of (most) abortions:

- 1. If a typical abortion deprives a fetus of a valuable future, then performing a typical abortion is morally wrong.**
- 2. A typical abortion deprives a fetus of a valuable future.**

- 3. Therefore, performing a typical abortion is morally wrong.**