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Subject: Re: Abortion [split]

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Wed, 16 Nov 2005 18:49:55 GMT

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Aircraftkiller wrote on Sun, 13 November 2005 15:17Quote:A developing fetus, without a developed cerebral cortex that has yet to experience stimulation sensation and thus "sentience" cannot be compared to a post-sentient human that is rendered unconscious or sleeping.

This line of thought requires that you assume spontaneous generation for life and consciousness. I say this because your intellect, your being, and your very existence are owed to the clump of cellular matter that forms a body and from there forms a consciousness.

Do you or do you not agree with this? If not, explain why your logic seems to be unable to sustain itself.

I think that is debatable, from an objective standpoint. Personally I agree with jball, in that the only time it can be deemed a necessary evil is when both lives are in danger and it is certain that only one will live.

As for the generation of sentience, it could be said that self awareness comes as a result of cells clumping together in such a fashion that the reasoning human being can interact with the reality it exists in. Think of it as if the sentience always existed and the body formed to accept that particular existence. Decartes kind of had this idea as well.

The alternative (as far as I can tell) is to suggest that sentience IS created by clumping certain cells together. Both are very unknown to us now, but both are things to consider.

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