

**Introduction to Demography
Pardee RAND Graduate School
2016 Spring Quarter**

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Question about April 12 class: Fertility**

Instructions

Students are required to answer one question prior to each of the five classes. These questions are going to be related to the main readings about demographic concepts and methods. Answers should be no more than 350 words and students must email their answers to the professor by the Monday before each class.

Question

What are the arguments for and against the idea that fertility control is a moral dilemma rather than preventive medicine? How this debate relates to the controversy about abortion rights and women's reproductive rights in the United States?

Extra material

An abortion doctor speaks out about decades of threats and violence

Warren M. Hern – December 4, 2015

<https://www.statnews.com/2015/12/04/abortion-doctor-violence/>

Abortion terrorism

John Weeks – December 5, 2015

<http://weekspopulation.blogspot.com/2015/12/abortion-terrorism.html>

SCOTUS and abortion rights — A new chapter?

John Weeks – March 2, 2016

<http://weekspopulation.blogspot.com/2016/03/scotus-and-abortion-rights-new-chapter.html>

Abortion providers frustrated as Supreme Court hears key Texas case

Ines Novacic – CBS News – March 2, 2016

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/abortion-providers-frustrated-as-supreme-court-hears-key-texas-case/>

Reproductive rights and choices in America

John Weeks – April 2, 2016

<http://weekspopulation.blogspot.com/2016/04/reproductive-rights-and-choices-in.html>