

Answering Autonomy Arguments for Abortion

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- I. "My body, my choice."
2. Bodily rights arguments.
 - a. Sovereign zone argument: I can do anything I want to anything inside my body.
 - i. If true, the sovereign zone view would mean all 4 of these things are true. 4 implications.
 1. "There can be no restrictions on abortion at any stage or for any reason."
 2. "A pregnant woman can take thalidomide to treat her morning sickness even though it will deform her fetus."
 3. "A pregnant woman can take thalidomide to intentionally deform her fetus."
 4. "A pregnant woman can do anything to her unborn child, including having it tortured to death."
 - b. Right to Refuse (Unplugging the violinist argument). I should not be legally required to allow the fetus the use of my body to live.
 - i. Cabin in the woods story ("Equipped for Life" course by Equal Rights Institute).
 - ii. You may not *always* have the obligation to help, but you do always have the obligation not to kill people.
3. You can actually persuade people to be pro-life.

