

Reading Questions for February 17

These questions cover a reading by Don Marquis called “An Argument that Abortion is Wrong.” The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

*Background:*

Today we’ll look at a piece by Don Marquis in which he offers an argument that abortion is wrong except in unusual circumstances wrong.

*Questions:*

1. In his section titled “The ‘Future Like Ours’ Account of the Wrongness of Killing”, which starts on page 86, Marquis introduces the future like ours account of the wrongness of killing. What is this account? How does he come up with it?
2. Starting on page 87, Marquis offers four arguments in favor of the future like ours account. Then, starting on page 90, Marquis responds to four objections. You don’t have to read all of this carefully, but look at whichever parts you find helpful for answering the following question: does Marquis do a good job defending the future like ours account? Do you agree with it? Why?