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Topic	Abortion
Country	Socialist Republic of Vietnam

1) There are 2 sides to every issue. On this issue the two sides can generally be described as A) **pro-choice** and B) **pro-life**.

2) Values for Group A (Identify 3 each - what <i>motivates</i> this group?)	Values for Group B (Identify 3 each) (Identify 3 each - what <i>motivates</i> this group?)
A) Abortion right is a modern ethical value towards woman, who were raped by others.	A) Abortion is sinful under the perspectives of religions , such as Islam and Christianity.
B) Abortion is a right for ladies who want to, as in favor of "The Human Rights" of the UN.	B) Abortion is against the right for babies , according to "The Human Rights" of the UN.
C) Abortion is reported as a healthy and safety resolution towards the mother's health, especially when the womb was unhealthy.	C) Abortion is an unhealthy and unsafe surgery towards the ability of having babies of mothers in the future.

3) In one paragraph, describe your country. Give me some general information (4-6 sentences - 18 points):

Honorable chair and distinguish delegates,

According to a data survey from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, Vietnam is one of the 52 nations in the world that had legalized abortion under any circumstances. Vietnam had legalized abortion since 1960. In Vietnam, abortion can be taken under the conditions in order to save the mother's life or preserving her health, both mentally and physically. Besides that, if the mother is a victim from rape, then she is also granted for an abortion. Not just that, abortion can be made if the baby was predicted to have disabilities and will not stand a likely chance of capabilities to maintain life after birth. Last but not least, and is also the beauty in abortion rights at Vietnam, is that abortion can be permitted upon request, which means that as long as one writes to the local government institutions about the issue, then she will immediately be granted a permission to operate an abortion. Even though there are many opposed votes against this issue from the citizens of Vietnam, however, standing on the position of the government and being as the Delegate of Vietnam, this delegate would want to propose that abortion should be legalized for all ages at all nations, because abortion can be a great solution towards the country's maternal mortality rate, such as removing the harmful womb that will causes death for both the mother and the baby. Once again, this delegate wants to restate that the Vietnamese government is standing on the pro-choice side, and other countries should also follow.

Thank you for your full concentration towards this delegate's speech.

4) Analyze one article (The BEST article you have found). In it you will identify (12 points):

What is 1) the issue: The number of Vietnamese teenagers, who request to proceed for an abortion is among the highest in Southeast Asian citizens.

What is 2) the author's conclusion: Vietnamese governmental authorities and Ministry of Education and Training should place sex education courses into the study program of high school students.

What are 3) the reasons for the author's conclusion? The author supports the ideas of placing the

courses of sex education into the study program is necessary, due to the high numbers of abortion surgeries among teenagers in Vietnam. Besides that, these courses will also help teenagers avoid from being pregnant at such a young age and lead to many tragedies that they haven't expected of.

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5) You will research 4 articles. Based on this information, you will identify facts and generalizations (18 points)

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Facts give information about a specific person, place, thing or event.
(Provide 3 that relate to the issue.)

- 1) There are 60 abortion cases out of every 100 births reported on December 2012 in Vietnam, and the reason is due to sex-selection.
- 2) There have been 1.4 million abortion cases reported in Vietnam in 1999, and 60% of Vietnam population is 25 years of age or below.
- 3) Tong Phuoc Phuc is a Catholic who is willing to receive unwanted babies from their mothers and raise them to avoid abortion. He also asks hospitals to give him those embryos, for him to create cemetery, dedicated to these poor children.

Generalizations are statements for which examples can be provided.
(Provide 3 that relate to the issue.)

- 1) By having too many abortions, it will lead to a tremendous decrease in terms of world female population.
- 2) If the abortion rate keeps going uphill during the next few years, world population will decrease intensely.
- 3) Under the opinion of many Catholics or infertile mothers around the world, abortion should not be legalized under any circumstances, since it is not a humane action, because every baby has their rights to live.

6) Give me 2 relevant statistics you have discovered about this topic (Statistics that will help teach this information (8 points):

"World Abortion Policies 2013." *World Abortion Policies 2013 | United Nations*. United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 15 July 2013. Web. 9 Dec. 2013.
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Statistic A) According to the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Vietnam is among the 52th nations in the world that allow abortion under any reasons. Besides that, the data table also shown that Vietnamese contraceptive rate is 78%, higher than 165 countries around the globe. Last but not least, the data table also shown that Vietnamese maternal mortality is 59 cases per 100,000 live births, lower than 113 countries. Therefore, this data table has shown that Vietnamese women have many privileges compare with others, as well as Vietnam is on its way to reach its peak, by maintaining safe health among its citizens.

Statistic B) According to a research of Henshaw, Singh and Haas on International Family Planning Perspectives about the sensitive issue of abortion, Vietnam is ranked 3rd place in terms of legal abortion cases. In 1996, there is a record of 1,520,000 legal abortion cases within the territory of Vietnam. Besides that, this data table of the research also showed that there are 83.3 Vietnamese women out of 1,000 women, from age 15 to 44, have an abortion surgery in 1996. Through the data table, Vietnam has shown that it receives the 1st place out of 60 countries on this aspect. Moreover, the ratio of abortion towards 100 known pregnancies at Vietnam in 1996 is 43.7. This number showed that there are approximately 43.7 abortion cases towards 100 pregnancies. Last but not least, according to this data table, every Vietnamese woman would approximately had an abortion at least 2.5 times within their lifetime period. This number is considered a tremendously high one, ranked 1st place out of 60 countries that are given. Therefore, these data will probably be the most efficient data table that can lead readers towards the conclusion, that abortion in Vietnam is just simply high.

7) From your country's POV, write one amendment that you think could be a "win-win" for everyone involved. (7 points)

Proposes that abortion should be maintain as a legal right in any countries towards women, under several conditions, but not limited to;

- a. Allow when the womb's origination is from raping.
- b. Allow when the womb will has a dangerous affect to the mother's health, both mentally and physically.
- c. Allow the mother to commit one abortion throughout their whole lifetime.

Explain why is it also a win for the other group (7 points):

Abortion, in general meaning, is the process of terminating the pregnancy by removing it. There are many reasons that lead to this issue: such as pregnancy may affect the mother's health, mentally or physically, or maybe it is the effect of unwanted pregnancy. If the mother requests to eliminate it, without any judicious reasons, then obviously, it is wrong and also against the right to live of the embryo. However, if the mother's reason is because it will affect her mental or physical health from this pregnancy, then it is perceptibly that abortion should be an available source for her. Besides that, by undergoing abortion, a nation's population will definitely decrease, if every woman

	<p>undergoes abortion too many times within her lifetime. In order to ensure and maintain a nation's population steadily, government authorizations should make sure that a woman do not have access to abortion, every single time she is pregnant. A mother can only undergo abortion if the womb is dangerous for her mental or physical health, however the process should be limited to her for the rest of her life. This will also teach the mother to have sex using contraception with the irresponsible ones so that the next time, she won't get pregnant anymore. Therefore, by these reasons above, this delegate thinks that abortion should come with a judicious reason, and the availability of abortion should only be undergone once in a lifetime, is a reasonable amendment that every nation of the world should take into considerations.</p>
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<p>8) Based on the information I have researched, my country is more on the side of pro-choice. Put an "x" on the scale where your country stands (30 points).</p>	
<p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>(Side 1 = Pro-life)</p>	<p>(Side 2 = Pro-choice)</p>
<p>Explain why your country feels this way using a claim, generalization and support.</p>	
<p>Claim: Vietnam's point of view towards this issue is leaning forwards to Pro-choice, although not completely. Even though the government strongly stands on the pro-choice side; however, there are still some minors who determinedly defend their side of pro-life. As a result, it causes the point of view to somehow not critically towards a specific side.</p>	
<p>Generalization: To consider a country's point of view toward a specific issue, research about government opinions isn't successful yet; however, research appropriately and evenly among government and citizen opinions will be the most efficient way to prove their decisions.</p>	
<p>Support: The government of Vietnam has passed out the law, in which legalized abortion since 1960. In Vietnam, mothers have the rights to operate an abortion, no matter what their reasons are. Vietnam is reported as a top country, in terms of this issue, such as being the 1st place in terms of ratio of abortion towards every 100 pregnancies, or in terms of average amounts of abortion were taken per woman. This issue is leading to a critical points, where it causes Vietnam's birth rate to drop dramatically. If this issue is not resolved, it will sooner or later affect the total population of the nation. Therefore, minors of the Vietnamese citizens have come up with many activities, as well as posters to fight against this issue, such as Tong Phuoc Phuc, the father of more than 50 babies, or many other multimedia sources.</p>	

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Issue, Conclusion & Reasons Review Sheet

1st – What is the issue?

- “What is the author reacting to?” ← This will suggest a central issue
- If you can't locate the issue explicitly, look for the conclusion

2nd – What is the author's conclusion?

- Conclusion – Message that the speaker or writer wishes you to accept

- “What is the writer trying to prove?”
- “What is the communicator’s main point?”
- Opinions - Unsupported claims

3rd - What are the reasons?

- Reasons - Beliefs, evidence, metaphors, analogies and other similar statements offered to support or justify a conclusion.
- Reasons are explanations or rationales for why we should believe a particular conclusion
- “Why does the writer or speaker feel that way?” → These are their reasons

Generalizations vs. Facts Review Sheet

Facts give information about a specific person, place, thing or event.	Generalizations are statements for which examples can be provided.
President Richard Nixon broke the law when he spied on his opponent and had to resign from the presidency.	A president is not above the law
You can’t touch gravity. You can’t pick it up.	Gravity is not a physical thing
A bowling ball falls at the same speed as a marble.	Gravity is a term describing the rate of all falling objects
This photograph of a UFO is actually a “lens flare.”	Photographs reflect a point of view and can be misleading as well as revealing

Generalizations identify characteristics about categories of people, places or things.

Facts are easily confused with generalizations.

Facts identify characteristics of specific people, places & things.