**Group 3 Information Discovery Scaffold**

*Roe vs. Wade* **was** the right institution to push for the Civil Right of Legal Abortion

**Timeline of key events in U.S. History regarding Legal Abortion.**

1. Find 5-6 examples of the Supreme Court refusing to allow states to resist Abortion laws.

2. What if the court had not acted as they did on some of these cases?

3. How can you use this evidence to support the argument that the Supreme Court led public opinion on abortion rights?

**Read the two documents in the next section of your web resources. They will help you argue that Abortion rights are a 14th amendment issue.**

4. What part of the 14th amendment is cited as evidence to support women’s rights to an abortion? Why?

5. What other parts of the Constitution can be used to support the “right to privacy” argument that was the basis for women’s rights to an abortion?

6. How can you use this information to support your argument that the Supreme Court was the right institution to decide the issue of abortion and lead public opinion?

**Read the next four documents about how other government institutions have handled abortion issues. They will help you argue that the Supreme Court had to act because other institutions would not.**

7. Did Presidents Ford, Carter, and Reagan do more to support liberalized abortion rights or undermine the Supreme Court’s *Roe v Wade* ruling? What evidence supports this?

8. List and explain all of the steps that Congress took to limit abortion rights after the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973.

9. Looking at the map, how many states had repealed their anti-abortion laws before the Roe decision in 1973? How many states had reformed their anti-abortion laws before the ruling?

10. If it were not for the Supreme Court’s ruling in 1973, do you think other states have followed this trend of repealing their anti-abortion laws?

11. How can you use all of this evidence to support the argument that the Supreme Court was the correct institution to liberalize abortion laws because other government institutions (executive branch, legislative branch, state governments) would not have done it?

**Read the next document that supports the argument that *Roe vs. Wade* did, in fact, increase public opinion of Abortion rights.**

12. How did the Roe decision change public opinion about abortion and privacy rights?

**Read the last document about the real purpose and intent of the Roe vs. Wade case.**

13. According to the document, what was the intended purpose of the Roe vs. Wade case?

14. How can you use this to help argue that the Supreme Court was the right government institution to decide abortion issues and that they did lead public opinion?

**Overall Question**

15. The abortion fight came on the heels of the Civil Rights movement. How might that movement have influenced the fight to liberalize abortion laws?