**Group 4 Information Discovery Scaffold**

*Roe v. Wade* was NOT 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 2-3 examples of individuals or groups increasing access and awareness of abortion rights long before the Supreme Court decision in 1973.

2. Find 2-3 examples that prove that the Supreme Court’s *Roe vs Wade* decision had little impact on improving public opinion about abortion rights.

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

**Read the next 3 articles that argue that the Supreme Court’s decision had little impact on public opinion**.

4. According to the first document, when did the steepest increase of legal abortions in America occur (before Roe or after)? How can you use this data to support the argument that *Roe vs. Wade* has had little impact on public opinion?

5. What restrictions have states placed on abortion rights since *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973? If public opinion was heavily in favor of liberal abortion laws, would these restrictions be in place?

6. Using the graph, when did *Roe v. Wade* have the most support? Least support?

7. What is the difference in support between 1973 and 2009? Based on this data, what impact has *Roe v. Wade* had on public opinion about abortion rights?

8. How can you use the information in these documents to support the argument that *Roe v. Wade* has had little impact on public opinion?

**The next four documents will give evidence to support the argument that the abortion issue is under State jurisdiction, not federal.**

9. According to the Hollow Hope, what has been the main arena for the abortion battle? What evidence is given to support this claim?

10. In your own words, what does the 10th amendment say? How does the issue of abortion fall under this amendment?

11. What did Justice Scalia say about the Supreme Court’s authority in issues such as abortion rights?

12. Looking at the map, do more states currently restrict abortion rights or protect them? What does this tell you about the authority of the court in this issue?

13. How can you use the information from these documents to support the argument that the issue of abortion should be under state jurisdiction and not that of the Supreme Court?

**The last document you are going to analyze gives evidence that the Legislative and Executive Branches of our federal government were slowly working to liberalize abortion rights before *Roe v. Wade.***

14. What message do you think Congress was sending when it did nothing to block the use of federal funds for abortion prior to 1973?

15. In 1968, what did President Johnson’s Council on the Status of Women suggest about abortion?

16. In the early 1970’s what were the Department of Defense’ policies on abortion rights?

17. How can you use this information to argue that, given time, other branches of the Federal government would have legalized abortions on their own?