

# Abstract

The Supreme Court's recent overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, and with it the constitutional right of abortion, has sparked a debate on the limits of state interference with certain fundamental and private rights. This thesis aims to explore the legal and theoretical framework that allows putting certain fundamental rights, and more specifically that of abortion, up for a vote, and analyses the particularities of the abortion debate through liberalism's political conceptions of justice as fairness. In addition, a conceptualisation of abortion as a human security matter than can be incorporated into the security agenda is provided, which allows for the protection of abortion as a fundamental right.