(LifeSiteNews) – Hillary Clinton defended partial-birth abortion within minutes of the beginning of the third and final presidential debate

"*Roe v. Wade* very clearly sets out that there can be regulations on abortion so long as the life and health of the mother are taken into account and when I voted as a senator, I did not think that that was a case," Clinton told moderator Chris Wallace, who asked about her record of voting in favor of partial-birth abortion.

"The kinds of cases that fall at the end of pregnancy are often the most heartbreaking, painful decisions for families to make. I have met with women who toward the end of their pregnancy get the worst news one could get: that their health is in jeopardy if they continue to carry to term, or that something terrible has happened or just been discovered about the pregnancy," she continued. "I do not think the United States government should be stepping in and making those most personal of decisions for women. So, you can regulate if you are doing so with the life and health of the mother taken into account."

"If you go with what Hillary is saying, in the ninth month, you can take the baby and rip the womb out of of the mother, just prior to the birth of the baby," Trump retorted. "Now, you can say that that's okay, and Hillary can say that that's okay, but it's not okay with me because based on what she's saying…You can take the baby and rip the baby out of the womb in the ninth month on the final day, and that's not acceptable."

Clinton responded, "That is not what happens in these kind of cases, and using that kind of scare rhetoric is just terribly unfortunate." However, she admitted, "this is one of the worst possible choices any woman and her family has to make."

Clinton proceeded to compare forced abortion with birth, the natural end of pregnancy.

"I've been to countries where governments either forced women to have abortions like they used to do in China or force women to bear children like they used to do in Romania," she said. "And I can tell you the government has no business in the decisions that women make with their families in accordance with their faith, with medical advice, and I will stand up for that right."

"And honestly, nobody has business doing what I just said–doing that as late as one or two or three or four days prior to birth," Trump said in reply.

During the first few minutes of the debate, Clinton also promised to stand with America's largest abortion chain, Planned Parenthood, and to prioritize support for *Roe v. Wade* and "marriage equality" in her selection of Supreme Court justices.

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