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South Korea court strikes down six-decade-old abortion ban

韩国法院废除了长达六十年的堕胎禁令

court: n. 法庭

strike down

取缔，终结（法律或者规定）；摧垮，使某人丧命

例句：Karl Lagerfeld was struck down by cancer.

abortion/ə'bɔ:ʃn/

n. 人工流产，堕胎；堕胎手术

e.g.

例句：She decided to have an abortion.

In a 7 to 2 vote, Seoul's **Constitutional** Court **overturned** a 66-year-old ban on abortion, which denied abortion except for in cases of rape, incest or if the mother's health is at risk. The **verdict paves way** for South Korea to **legalize** abortion, knocking down one of the most **stringent** abortion bans in the **developed** world.

韩国宪法法院以 7 比 2 的投票结果推翻了长达 66 年的堕胎禁令。该禁令禁止堕胎，除非有强奸、乱伦的情况，或者在孕妇的健康受到威胁时。这一裁决为实现韩国堕胎合法化铺平了道路，打破了发达国家中最严苛的堕胎禁令之一。

constitutional/ˌkɒnˈstɪtuːʃənəl/: adj. 宪法的；宪法允许的

相关词汇：constitution (n.)

搭配短语：constitutional government

搭配短语：constitutional reform

overturn/ˌoʊvərˈtɜːrn/: v. 推翻，撤销

相关词汇：over (上面的，上方的)

相关词汇：turn (翻转)

搭配短语：to overturn a decision

搭配短语：to overturn a conviction

in case of: 在...的情况下

rape: n. 强奸

incest/ˈɪnsest/: n. 乱伦

be at risk: 有危险

verdict/ˈvɜːrdɪkt/: n. 裁决，裁定

英文释义：an official decision made in a court of law

搭配短语：to arrive at a verdict

搭配短语：verdict of accidental death

搭配短语：verdict of unlawful killing

pave way for: 为...铺平道路

同义词：pave the way for

pave the way for 例句：The Supreme Court decision paved the way for further legislation on civil rights.

legalize: v. 把...合法化

词性拓展：legal (adj.)

knock down: 把（人）打倒；把（建筑物）推倒

stringent/ˈstrɪndʒənt/: adj. 严格的，苛刻的

搭配短语：stringent anti-noise regulations

developed: adj. 发达的

相关词汇：developing (adj. 发展中的)

Under the now-overruled regulation, women could be **fined** or **jailed** for a year for having abortions, while doctors who assist with them could face up to two years in prison. 根据这条如今已被废除的法规，女性可能因堕胎而被罚款或被判监禁一年，而协助她们堕胎的医生可能面临高达两年的监禁。

overrule/ˌoʊvərˈruːl/: v. 否定，拒绝

相关词汇：over（翻转）

相关词汇：rule（决定，裁决）

例句：The House of Lords overruled the decision.

fine: v. 罚款

jail: v. 监禁

face: v. 面临

However, a survey by Korean Women's Development Institute last year of 2,006 women aged 15 to 44 found one out of five **respondents** have received abortion—97 percent of them illegally.

然而，在去年，韩国妇女发展研究所对 2006 名 15 到 44 岁的女性进行了一项调查。调查发现，有五分之一受访者曾堕过胎，且这其中有 97% 是非法堕胎。

one out of five: 五分之一

respondent/rɪˈspɒndənt/: n. 调查对象，受访者

词性拓展：respond (v.)

英文释义：a person who answers questions, especially in a survey

Lee Han-bon of Lawyers for a **Democratic** Society said individuals were rarely punished for abortion unless **deliberately** reported to the police, usually by boyfriends or husbands seeking reprisal. “The premise of the abortion law was protection of **unborn** children, but in reality the **restriction** just made women **vulnerable** to fear of **punishment**.”

来自民主社会律师组织的李汉邦（音）表示，人们通常不会因为堕胎而受到惩罚，除非有人故意向警方报案，而故意报案的通常是寻求报复的男友或丈夫。“堕胎法的前提是保护未出生的孩子，但实际上，这种限制只会使得女性容易害怕受到惩罚。”

democratic: adj. 民主的

deliberately/dɪˈlɪbəreɪtli/: adv. 故意地

词性拓展：deliberate (adj.)

同义词：intentionally

例句：I've been deliberately ignoring him all day.

reprisal/rɪ'praɪzl/: n. 报复，报复行动

英文释义：a violent or aggressive act towards sb. because of sth. bad that they have done towards you

例句：They did not want to give evidence for fear of reprisals.

premise/'premɪs/: n. (作为先决条件的) 假定，前提

英文释义：an idea or theory on which a statement or action is based

例句：The research project is based on the premise stated earlier.

unborn: adj. 未出生的

词根词缀：un- (表示否定)

restriction: n. 限制，约束

vulnerable/'vʌlnərəbl/: adj. 易受伤的；易受影响（或攻击）的

搭配短语：be vulnerable to

例句：Old people are particularly vulnerable to the flu.

punishment: n. 惩罚

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在法庭外，堕胎权支持者为这一裁决而欢呼雀跃。在法庭上，也有反对者愤怒抗议，带头抗议的是来自天主教和其他基督教教派的少数群体。他们人数虽少，但是声响很大。

sth. be met with cheers from sb.: 某事受到某人欢迎

opponent: n. 反对者

词根词缀：opp- (对立)

minority: n. 少数派

反义词：majority

搭配短语：minority of (关于...的少数群体)

proponent/prə'pounənt/: n. 支持者，倡导者

outcry/'aʊtkraɪ/: n. 强烈抗议；呐喊

相关词汇：cry out (大叫，喊叫)

vocal/'vəʊkl/: adj. 直言不讳的

Catholic/'kæθlɪk/: n. 天主教徒

Christian: adj. 基督教的

denomination/dɪˌnɑːmɪ'neɪʃn/: n. 教派，宗派

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来自性与生殖权利论坛的李玉琳（音）说：“现在，人们能尊重女性对自己的身体作出的决定了。”

| **reproductive**/ˌrɪzprəˈdʌktɪv/: adj. 生殖的

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