



THE ETHICS OF ABORTION

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Abstract

- To study the ethical principles and moral arguments surrounding abortion.
- Seeks to examine the ethical complexities of abortion with a fair approach.

Introduction

Abortion is the termination of pregnancy before the fetus becomes viable. It is complex issue influenced by medical, ethical, moral, religious, social, economic and legal factors. Opinions on abortion often revolve around the rights of the fetus versus the rights of the woman.

Significance of Study

- Studying the ethics of abortion is important because it:
- Explores Moral Perspectives:** Helps understand diverse views on personhood and rights.
 - Informs Legislation:** Guides fair and informed abortion laws and policies.
 - Enhances Public Discourse:** Promotes respectful and informed discussions.
 - Supports Medical Professionals:** Assists in ethical decision-making and guideline development.
 - Aids Personal Decisions:** Helps individuals make informed choices and improves support systems.

Methodology

Quantitative research where data is collected and analyzed based on the number of respondents and its data. This method is often used to help look out for patterns and the average results thus helping to make predictions and generalizing results for a wider sample size. Although it can collect large amounts of data from a large group respondent, the data that are gathered can potentially be biased which affects will affect the overall results.

Online surveys are one of many data collection methods falling under quantitative research, providing research a flexible and efficient way to help in gaining insights from a large sample size of respondents.

The reason that online survey is implemented here is as follows:

- Cost Effective
- Sending Multiple Versions of The Survey at Once
- Easy to Track Respondents That Has Completed the Survey
- Fast and Convenient
- Easy Access

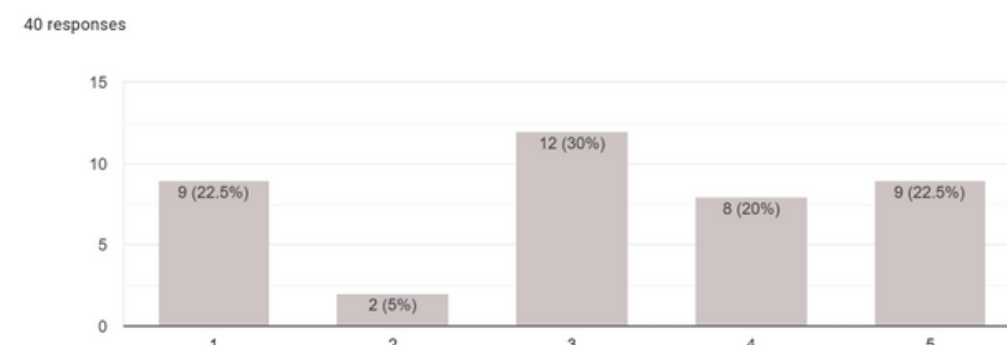
Findings

Research Question 1: When is Abortion Ethical for Underage Females?

Survey Statement: "Abortion should be considered ethical and legal if a female is underage (less than 18 years old)."

Responses:

- Agree (42.5%):** 20% agree, 22.5% strongly agree
- Neutral (30%):** Hesitant or ambiguous stance
- Disagree (27.5%):** 22.5% disapprove, 5% strongly disagree
- Insight:** Reflects the complexity and sensitivity of abortion ethics for minors. High neutral response suggests need for more dialogue on this issue.

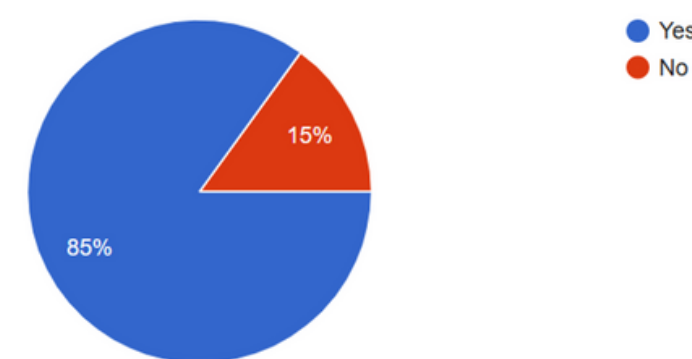


Research Question 2: Moral Views on Women's Right to Abortion

Survey Statement: "Should women have the legal right to access safe and legal abortions?"

Responses:

- Agree (85%):** Strong support for women's reproductive autonomy and access to healthcare
- Disagree (15%):** Minority view, often rooted in personal or religious beliefs
- Insight:** Strong societal support for women's reproductive rights, with policies favoring women's health and autonomy.

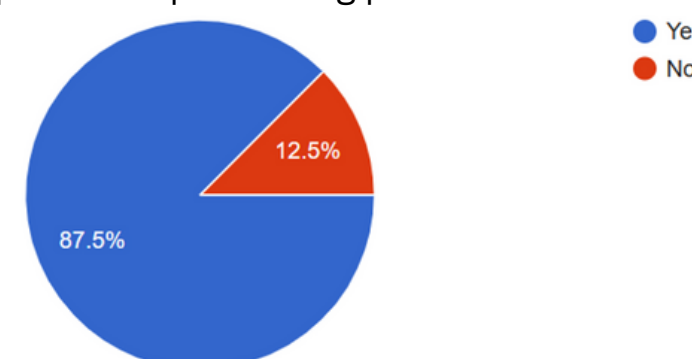


Research Question 3: Accountability of Healthcare Providers in Abortion Services

Survey Statement: "Should healthcare providers be legally required to offer counselling and support services to individuals considering abortion regardless of their personal beliefs?"

Responses:

- Agree (87.5%):** Strong endorsement for patient-centered care and comprehensive support services
- Disagree (12.5%):** Concerns about ethical or professional autonomy
- Insight:** Emphasis on healthcare providers prioritizing patient health and offering unbiased care.



Recommendation

Respect for Autonomy:

- Assure people of their right to make knowledgeable decisions regarding their own bodies.

Preventing Abortions:

- Implement comprehensive sex education.
- Expand the availability of contraception services.

Respect for Diverse Views:

- Encourage polite communication and understanding between people who have different opinions about abortion.

Conclusion

The ethics of abortion are multifaceted, influenced by medical, ethical, moral, religious, social, and legal factors. Opinions on abortion, especially for underage females, reveal significant diversity and a notable neutral stance, reflecting its complexity and sensitivity. There is strong societal support for women's reproductive rights, emphasizing the need for legal access to safe and ethical abortions. Additionally, there is a high endorsement for healthcare providers to offer patient-centered care and unbiased support for individuals considering abortion, highlighting the importance of healthcare accountability.

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