

Understanding Perspectives on Abortion

Abortion, is the termination of a pregnancy that is done due to issues that mostly stem from unwanted pregnancy, teen pregnancy, rape, financial struggle, and health problems. While many countries and states have legalized this procedure for a long time now, the discussion of abortion is still seen as controversial and is still criminalized and considered taboo by many, especially in socio-religious communities. A lot of debate and disputes circle around the discussion as to whether women should have the right to decide over their body, especially when it comes to abortion. Criminalizing abortions does not stop it, rather, it only stops safe abortions, it forces women to seek out risky and unsafe methods or to a major responsibility which they may not be ready for. While abortion remains a controversial and highly debated topic, it is crucial to recognize and respect individuals' autonomy and rights to make decisions regarding their bodies, ultimately agreeing that access to safe and legal abortion is essential for women's reproductive health, bodily autonomy, and mental health because they can decide about what their needs to provide on the child or they do not want an unwanted child because of trauma.

The reason why this stigma exists is because of the questioned morality of women, mentioned by Patel (2021) in a research about the origins of moral arguments against abortion rights "One of the most common arguments levied against a woman's right to choose is the idea that abortion is "murder," and the killing of an innocent fetus is the most heinous sin a woman can partake in", "they painted women seeking abortions as murderers devoid of morals" and in religion many believe that to be able to create life is a miracle and to 'erase' that would be a sin, if so, why are the children labeled as 'miracles' are not treated as such? Why are they treated like the heaviest burden when the people around them say they are blessings? When abortion is not accessible, women are then forced to have these children no matter the circumstance. What if a child from rape grows up to know their father was a rapist, a sex offender? What if this child grows in a toxic environment because they were unwanted? What if this child suffers the consequences of poverty? It is never the child's fault but they often shoulder and share the burdens that the parents bring. A similar thought was brought up in a book by Philip Ney (1979) that stated "It is argued that unwanted children are more frequently abused; therefore people should only have wanted children. Unwanted children may not only be aborted. They should be aborted now, in case they are battered later. It is the child's right to be wanted; ergo, if he is unwanted, it is his right not to be"

Women should have the right over what happens to their bodies. Women should be provided access to abortion especially in circumstances where they are not able to bear or raise a child. Countless injuries and deaths of women could be avoided and prevented with proper abortion care. Giving them this right could possibly save children from a life they don't deserve. Criminalizing abortions does not stop it, it only pushes women to seek unsafe methods or to bear a responsibility they are not able to cater to. So why take away abortion when without it, we're hurting more than what we're protecting. Annulment and declaration of nullity speak to issues of marriage validity. Causes of marital discord that develop after the couple take each other as husband and wife are beyond the province of the two remedies.

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