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# The Judgment of a Human Person: How a Person Makes Choices Based on Their Morals (Focused on Abortion)

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Every person has the choice of freedom, but not every choice is easy to make. Abortion is one of those choices that shows how people judge between what is right and wrong. It is not only about a person's beliefs but also how freedom, morals, and responsibility influence.



## PERSPECTIVES

Some people believe that abortion is wrong because they value life a lot. They believe life begins when a baby is in a mother's womb, and abortion is the same as killing life. This belief is supported by moral and religious teachings that say life is sacred. Based on Immanuel Kant's philosophy, "a human being must be never be treated as a means to an end, but as an end in themselves". If we think about that idea or statement, abortion violates the human dignity because it kills a life. For these people, freedom is not doing whatever we want, but doing things as long as it does not violate or bring harm, basically doing what is right.



# ABORTION AND THE WEIGHT OF CHOICE: FREEDOM COMES WITH RESPONSIBILITY

Freedom is not just about choosing what we think and what we want, its about choosing what is right even when it is hard. As my teacher reminded us that choices are connected with consequence, it is like a cause and effect, and every choice we make there will be consequences and we must take responsibility. Whether a person decides to have an abortion or not, both path carries effects that must be faced with responsibility. We can never escape the results of the choices we made, they are part of being human.

In the issue of abortion, both sides aim to protect something that is important, one protects life, the other protects freedom and dignity. The best moral judgment may found in understanding both sides. We must respect life, but also show understanding to women who are under in difficult situations. Society can promote both by providing education, emotional care, and help so that women won't be forced into desperate choices that can potentially lead to regret or any bad outcomes.



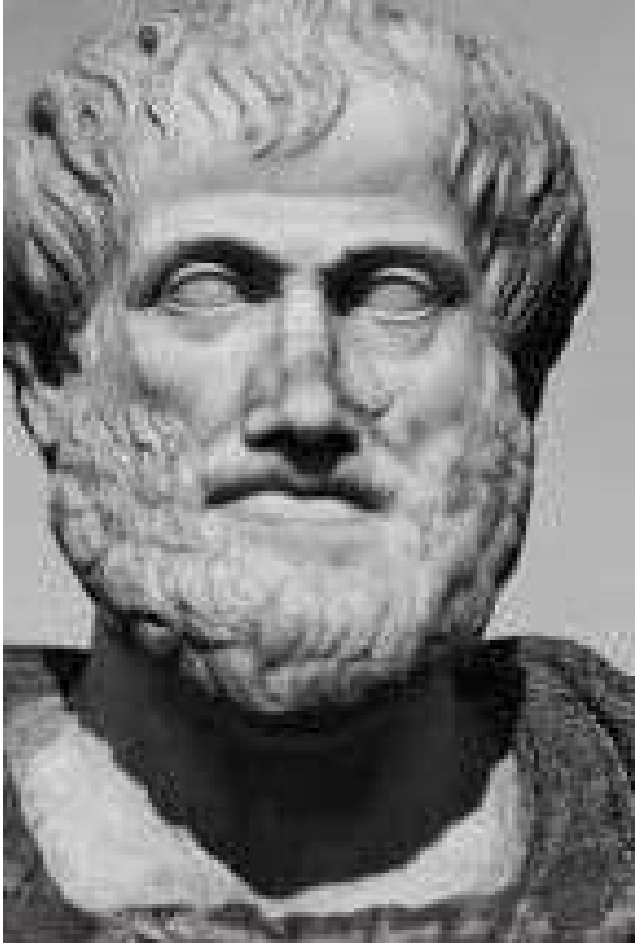
In the end, moral judgement is what makes us truly human. How we decide in situations like abortion reflects how we use our freedom whether we use it for selfish reasons or for the good of others. Freedom and responsibility must be with each other. The judgement of a human person becomes meaningful when it is guided by conscience, respect and love.



Others, however see abortion as a personal choice. They say that women have the freedom of choice to decide on their bodies and their future especially if they have a hard situation like poverty, health risk, and rape. They say that forcing someone to give birth and raising the child despite their situation can also be wrong, because it ignores her suffering and situation. Based on the idea of positive freedom, true freedom means being able to act with reason and responsibility. Not just out of pressure, fear, or just doing or following what others say. In this abortion can sometimes be a responsible act if done with reflection and awareness.

The two sides shows the difference between negative and positive freedom. As my teacher said, Negative freedom means being free from restrictions, limits, and laws. while positive freedom means using freedom wisely and with responsibility. additionally, freedom is not absolute it has limits. The law, morals, and the rights of others creates limits. For example, a person may have the freedom of choice, but that freedom stops when it harms another person or violates laws. The same goes to abortion a persons choice affects both herself and the life inside her, so that choice carries a serious consequence.





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## ARISTOTLE'S GOLDEN MEAN

Aristotle's virtues helps us understand this better. He stated that "moral goodness is found in balance, the golden mean". That means we should avoid extreme and heavy judgements. saying abortions is right or wrong this and that. it ignores the difficulty of the situation. Instead, people should act with wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and moral reflection. As Aristotle explained, a good action is one done at the right time, for the right reason, and the right way.



## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CONSCIENCE

St. Thomas Aquinas also taught that conscience is the inner voice that helps us to do good and avoid wrong or evil. But conscience must be formed through truth and reason. A person who decides with out giving a much of a thought or not thinking at a deeper level might make the wrong decision. But someone who reflects, seeks guidance and advice, thinks thoroughly, and considers both life and responsibility is acting with true moral judgement. Based on St. Thomas thoughts, the right decision comes from a well formed conscience that views and listens to both reason and to faith.

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