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Abortion has been defined as the process of terminating a pregnancy by either using medicine or surgery to end the life of an embryo or fetus from the uterus. It’s administered to an individuals who may have developed complications or who willingly decides to terminate the life due to personal reasons. Legalization of abortion has not only raised issues and controversies in America but across the globe. People of different caliber, have held different opinions on this issues. While many advocated for abortion to be legalized, others has fought against it and a few are neutral on this matter. According to Katha Pollitt, (1997) he states that the maternal-mortality rate dropped by 45 percent in New York State the year after legalization of abortion. This is one of the reason abortion legalization could be seen as public health triumph. Legalization of abortion brought relieve in some aspects of life, but on the other hand it has its negative impact on the society.

Firstly, abortion was not invented, but its legalization helped women access professional services to abort. According to Rock & Jones, (2003), the number of illegal abortions in 1950s and 1960s ranged between 200,000 to 1.2 million. Complications which resulted from such illegal abortions was 23 percent of the all cases admitted to municipal hospital in New York City due to pregnancy issues (Institute of Medicine, 1975). When California liberalized its law in 1967, the number of admission from illegal abortions at University of Southern California Medical Centre dropped by almost 75 percent. This is an indication that illegal abortion had been exercised and it posed danger to its victim until legalization saved the situation. For this reason, abortion legalization has benefited women and girls who could have developed complications as they exercise it illegally under unprofessional workforce.

Secondly, deaths associated with abortions dropped dramatically. According to (Gold, 1990; NCHS, 1967), when abortion was prohibited, 17 percent of deaths was caused by pregnancy and childbirth in the year 1965. By the year 1973 the risk of dying due to abortion had reduced to 3.4 percent per 100,000 of legal abortions. Today the death during abortion only increase with the increase of pregnancy length while the risk associated with child bearing is 14 times high than that associated with abortion (Raymond & Grimes, 2012). The research done by (Raymond & Grimes, 2012), shows no significant difference of terminating the pregnancy through abortion after 20 weeks and carrying the pregnancy to full term. This shows abortion is safer when the pregnancy is young because the health risks are lower. Also the death rate of child bearing is higher than that of abortion, hence making abortion safer compared to child bearing.

Despite of its advantages and support for abortion legalizations, there is great opposition against it. When welook at a different angle, abortion is viewed as a cruel, lifeless, animosity act against human life.The first argument against abortion is murder aspect. Abortion is taking away an innocent life. Those advocating against it believe the life of human beings begins at conception. A fetus has DNA which is an identity of a person against another.This meansit is a human being in forming. The Federal unborn victims of Violence Actprotects the unborn and it’s punishable if you are found guilty. Murder is a grievous sin before God and before the law. Let no one be excused of abortion unless it possess danger to the mother. Christians believe that life is a gift from God and no one has the authority to take it away but God, and whoever does so commits sin. This forms one of the firm opposition against abortion across the world.

Abortion causes psychological damage to its victim. A study published by Scandinavian Journal of Public Health, shown young women who go through abortion have high chances of getting depression. Another study published by Southern Medical Journal; a big percentage of the women who aborted were at high risk of committing suicide. The husband whose wife go through this vice, 54.6 percent regret, and 45.2 percent felt sad while 25.8 percent experienced depression. Abortion may also lead to later complications like miscarriages. There had been a significant relationship between abortion and breast cancer. The risk of this cancer increase with the number of abortions. This side effect is so terrible compared to the reasons for abortion. This gives power to oppose legalization of abortion.

The controversy around legalization of abortion is so heated and won’t end soon. Those supporting it have concreate reasons despite its side effects, and on the other hand, those against it cannot give in.As per the discussion, the reasons for abortions are for selfish interest except those which are approved by a physician. Many people who engage in irresponsible sexual behaviors are not ready to bear the consequences, and there after seek to have abortion. At the court of law any genuine and sincere reason for abortion is accepted even if abortion is not legalized. The dangers posed by abortion are immense than the benefits which comes along with abortion.

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