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The Decision Making Behind Abortion

Introduction and Overview:

Abortion has been a very controversial topic since the beginning of day leading a major historic court case ruling on January 22, 1973. During the court case *Roe v. Wade*, the supreme court of the United States ruled that the Constitution protects the liberty of a pregnant woman to choose the option of having an abortion without many restrictions however this topic did not end there, it was just beginning. Throughout the case of *Roe v Wade* many advances began regarding the topic of abortion. Prior to this court case women were self-inducing dangerous abortions illegally and in very fatal ways to them as well (through drugs and other “back- alley” methods).

During 1965-1972, the U.S supreme court eliminated laws banning the distribution to [first] married couples and [later] unmarried adults. While the U.S was slowly progressing, in 1970, Hawaii residents became the first to legally be able to have an abortion. Later in the year of 1970 the state of New York legalized abortion without any specific residency requirement. A major reason behind pro-choice activism in modern days relates to the inability to care for the child, whether it is financially, physically, or even emotionally. A lot of cases regarding abortions deal with young women who are unable to care for another life and this was the case for Norma McCorvey also known as Jane Roe. The woman behind the major court case that legalized the procedure nationwide was a victim of the unjust law. Jane Roe was a poor 20-year old woman who was pregnant with her third child, the previous two were given up for adoption, and was financially not in the circumstances to care for a child.

On January 22, 1973 abortion became a legal procedure nationwide declaring that abortion is protected under the 14th Amendment as the right to privacy. Though this supreme court case legalized the procedure of abortion, there are many aspects that many may argue including the legalization perspective itself, religious aspects, economy aspects, and the overall moral perspective therefore, was the legalization of abortion the right thing to do?

Thesis:

Though many stakeholders may have different opinion, the choice of abortion should be decided by the woman with the exception of not harming the fetus.

Significance of the Study:

The significance behind this study directly connects to depression, poverty, homelessness, increased crime rates, and overall human success. Abortion may be viewed as simple as terminating a pregnancy which sounds awful but those people who think it is as simple as that may as well be ignorant to the hard work and dedication a child requires. The care a child needs to prosper is not something that can easily be given under the difficult circumstances. Families, women, who are not in the right state of mind, emotionally unstable, and/or financially struggling are unable to provide for a child and their needs in order to become a successful individual in their future which can be linked to them becoming homeless due to poverty and

unemployed due to lack of education from as early as their childhood years. People wonder how so many people end up homeless? Why are the crime rates so high? Why is there an increase in depression? Well believe it or not, it all starts at home. From the beginning of a pregnancy, if the parents are not together and the child is raised in a single parent household studies show that their likelihood to earn a high-school diploma is lower than those who were raised by married parents.

Method:

My primary method for research for this project will be to focus on statistical data and also read journal articles. As I have begun my research already I have already encountered a lot of information but I have decided to put my own thoughts and not fully go with everything that is already said. I plan on interviewing a couple moms and also reading articles from mothers or women who are familiar with the process of abortion.

Delimitation:

The topic of abortion has been discussed for decades. Since this is such a familiar and well-known topic there is tons of information about it that I understand I will not be able to cover for this project therefore I plan on aiming and focusing primarily on the facts and biases and essentially provide a new perspective for my audience. I do not plan on focusing on too many abortion cases in themselves but rather the procedure behind it.

Challenges:

As there is so much information already posted on this topic, my biggest challenge will be to bring a new and proactive perspective into the conversation. Another challenge I may face is the personal biases online according to each individual's personal thoughts, opinions, and beliefs.

Personal Reasons for Selecting the Topic:

There are many reasons I became drawn to this topic for this project. I was raised in a catholic and Christian household where God is extremely important to us but I also was raised to do what I think is best. Though I am not agreeing with taking a life away, as I have studied medicine I have an understanding that the procedure of abortion is not intended to harm a viable fetus and I am intrigued to learn more about the topic. As abortion is considered a sin in religious terms, I have always asked and wondered how it might feel to carry a child caused by a traumatic rape or incest. I also have also thought that it is selfish to bring children into the world if you are unable and incapable of caring for them in every aspect. Personally, I have many questions and believe this is a wonderful opportunity to inform and educate myself.