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Abortion

There are lots of arguments about abortion as to whether it should be allowed or whether it should be against the law. Women need to be aware of what is being done when they have abortions. Women should be aware of the procedure in detail and what they are doing when they sign that paper to have an abortion. Knowing more about abortion could determine the decision they make; most women make the decision unaware of what they are doing. Studies have shown abortion leads to mental health problems later on in life and women aren't aware of this they are uneducated on the procedures they do to perform an abortion and the problems they many encounter later on in life. All medical facilities should be required to present the correct information about abortions before they are being performed

What is abortion? As of right now in the U.S 1.1 million abortions are happening every year. This breaks down to one and four pregnancies ending in an abortion. About fifty percent of women that are now thinking about having an abortion already had at least one in the past. Fifty one percent of the these abortions are women that are 25 years of age or younger. Approximately three and one americans have an abortion by the time they reach 45 years of age. In Maine 15 % of pregnancies were aborted. Maine has 9 facilities. The abortion rate is 9.5.

Abortions are happening everyday and each and everyone for a different reason. Does that change the fact that it's happening? Does an abortion describe someone as a person? There are a lot of opinions and information on abortions; some people support it and some don't. Some people support that up to a certain point in the pregnancy they should be allowed. Some people are just against them all together. In 1973 this became allowed during Roe v. Wade, when the US Supreme Court voted seven to two. The polls at the time showed that twenty-eight percent of people voted that abortion should be allowed under certain circumstances, where as, forty-eight percent believed that it should be legal under most circumstances. The other thirty-four percent agreed with the Abortion Law that the United States had at the time. The law in 1973 was that abortions would be allowed in the first trimester of a woman's birth as long as it was done by a licensed doctor in medically safe conditions. During the second trimester, it was only allowed if the pregnancy was affecting the health of the pregnant woman. The third trimester was not allowed under any circumstances unless it was to save the life of the mother. There are many different circumstances that should come factor in to the decision being made, including mental disorders, rape, age, and simply the idea that some believe they are killing a little human inside of the women (Thomson Reuters).

There are several types of abortions that may persuade how someone feels about having one since some are more harsh than others, but everyone is still doing the same thing, and that's resulting in the death of a baby with a heartbeat, which is considered a living thing. The first one is Early non-surgical (medical) abortion. It's performed in the first two to twelve weeks of pregnancy. It's a drug that is given to stop

the development of the pregnancy. The women may experience cramping, bleeding and pelvic pain. Often women will pass tissue and clots and then the unborn child within hours (Advice and Aid). The second one is called Vacuum Aspiration; it's performed in two to twelve weeks as well. It's a local anesthetic injected in or near the cervix. The cervix is stretched, and a tube is placed, sucking the baby and the placenta out. The third possible way is Dilation and Evacuation; this is performed in thirteen weeks to twenty- one or twenty-two weeks. Sponge -like pieces are placed in the cervix slowly opening the cervix like overnight or several hours. The mother is given medications to help with pain and to prevent infection. An anesthesia is given to the mother, and the baby is removed with forceps and suction curettage (Advice and Aid). A fourth possible way would be Labor Induction performed in thirteen weeks to twenty-one or twenty-two weeks. This procedure may require a hospital stay. Drugs are given to the mother to terminate the pregnancy and begin labor. In this event, the placenta is not removed and the cervix must be opened and the doctor will perform suction curettage. The fifth one is illegal unless it's to save the life of the mother. It's in thirteen to twenty-one or twenty-two weeks. The doctor opens the cervix, grasps the unborn child's foot and delivers the baby without the head. An incision is made in the back of the child's head and the skull is fully suctioned out, allowing the head to collapse. The child is then delivered dead (Advice and Aid). The Sixth is Labor induction. This is performed in a clinical setting and drugs are given to the mother and then the labor begins. The cervix is opened and the doctor performs suction curettage. The placenta may have to be scraped to remove every trace of the unborn child. The last one requires a hospital stay

and it's weeks twenty-two through thirty-eight. It's like a normal childbirth, but they cut the abdomen and uterus, killing the unborn child prior to removal (Advice and Aid).

Reading in detail about what they do makes me sad and not want to harm a baby like that under any circumstance, but girls are going into this not even knowing the details. They just go in thinking "it's just an abortion" and get put under but do they really know the torture taking place? This is why women should be one-hundred percent informed before they make a big decision about this. When women are not informed they have a way larger risk of mental illness (Christie).

Thirty studies in five years have shown that abortion affects women's mental health. Studies have shown that about twenty to thirty percent of women that have an abortion will experience a serious or prolonged negative consequence. A specific Doctor, Doctor Major, said that it is unfair that doctors are doing procedures without women knowing all the information. She explains that millions of women are struggling in isolation to make sense of past abortion and there will be thousands today that seek abortion without even knowing the negative risk. Many women make this life-threatening decision and sign the basic consent form not typically knowing in detail the whole truth. Rigorous analysis found that women who have had an abortion have an eighty-one percent higher chance to develop mental health problems than other women who have not had abortions. These mental illness include anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and suicidal behavior (Coleman). When Doctors perform abortions women should know and inform with one-hundred percent accuracy what these women could have to deal with later on in life. If these women figure out the procedure that is actually done to

remove the baby. Lot's of people feel that women that are rapped should have this option particulary because they don't want a kid that they were forced to participate in sexual activity with this awful person, but after doing further research this isn't really a big problem. In 2004 studies showed that less than half of one percent of abortions were rape related. It was actually one of the lowest categories. The biggest percentage of reasons for an abortion in the United States in 2004 was people not being able to afford another child, or a child in general. So, this seems like the best option at the time. Most people do it without a reason. They just don't want a child. They have the life that could support one and they just rather go a different route at the time like abortions (Christie).

In conclusion, it's extremely important that the mother getting an abortion is very aware of everything. They should know the possibility of mental health problems later on in life, the effect they have on the body, and most importantly what is actually taking place when the mother is having an abortion. She should understand beyond just the label abortion, and should be aware of the actual procedure and how it is done. Some of them are viewed as torture and the mother has no idea she hasn't looked or been informed past the label. So, before someone makes the decision, read the pamphlets look it up on the internet make sure women are aware of how this one procedure could be something that they think about everyday for the rest of their lives and affect how they continue to live their lives.

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