

## The Silent Rights of an Unborn

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How do you feel about abortion? Abortion has been an ongoing debate for about two centuries. Many people have been grouped into sides coined as pro-life and pro-choice. I am pro-life. Therefore, I believe abortion should be illegal. In fact, studies prove abortion is more harmful than childbirth. Yet, women believe they should have full control over what happens to their infant. After considering both sides of the issue, I strongly conclude abortion should still be prohibited. I believe this because abortion is more dangerous than childbirth, it's the leading cause of death among black Americans, and logically, no one should be allowed to kill an innocent human being.

Pro-abortionists have long tried to claim that giving birth is much more of a health risk, but studies have proven that abortion is in fact more dangerous than childbirth. Dr. David Reardon reveals the hard truth about the matter. Women who have early abortions (12 weeks or earlier) have doubled the mortality rate compared to women that gave birth. Furthermore, women who have late abortions (12 weeks or later) have more than 3 times the mortality rate to women who had given birth. Also, women may experience loss of fertility or an increase in miscarriages after the abortion.

Did you know the leading cause of black Americans is abortion? Since 1973, women have aborted about 16 million African American babies. Their community would be 36% larger in the United States if they were never allowed the option of an abortion. 16 million is an enormous loss. This is just one of the many consequences of abortions. Another consequence is that after African American women have abortions and they age over 50, they're about 3 times more likely to get breast cancer.

As I stated before, some women argue that abortion should be allowed because they have reproductive control over their own bodies. Nevertheless, it's impossible to say abortion is okay just by arguing that women have the "freedom of choice". Additionally, any logical society would restrain a person's individual freedom if they thought it could potentially harm an innocent person. Why shouldn't abortion be illegal? Is abortion not harming innocent individuals? Does a woman's "freedom of choice" overpower a human's civil rights? It's the man and woman's fault if they have an unplanned child. If they argue they can't afford a child, then they should have been smarter and prevented it from happening in the first place. We shouldn't cure unexpected babies by taking their lives.

In conclusion, I believe abortion should be illegal. Abortion is more dangerous than childbirth. It is the leading cause of death among black Americans. Also, no one should have the freedom of choice to harm someone. Everyone needs to know abortion isn't the solution to our problems.

