

# Your Body, Your Choice

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I think abortions should be legal because you shouldn't be forced to give birth to a child you're not ready for. Having a baby and starting a family is a beautiful thing, if you're prepared for it, but if you're not ready for it yet, then it can possibly ruin your life. You have to be physically, financially, and mentally prepared to have a kid. Some people might argue, "Oh, you're being selfish by taking an unborn child's life and are only thinking about yourself." I think that's a very stupid argument. You think getting an abortion is an easy decision? Well, it's not.

Matter of fact, most of the time it's not a choice. Most women are forced to get an abortion because of their financial situations and can't bring themselves to throw their child into the foster care system once they're born. Once they finally get to a stable point in their life where they not only can support themselves, but others, it'll be hard to try to track down their child, and take the child out of the system. It'll also be hard to create a bond with them since the child will think that the mom put them in foster care because she didn't want them.

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court ruled on a case called Roe vs. Wade. This legalized abortions in the United States. Sadly on June 24, 2022 the case was overturned by the current Supreme Court and all states that were against abortion were able to ban it. This new law also means that there are no exceptions for rape or incest. Now there are only 21 states left that allow it.

This really affected women, especially ones on the younger side. Over 1,000 girls under the age of 15 get abortions a year. One case that went famous was when a 10-year-old girl from

Ohio was raped and wasn't able to get an abortion because of state laws, so she had to go to a different state to get treatment.

Just because abortions are banned, doesn't mean that women won't find another way to get rid of the baby. There are women that will throw themselves down the stairs or use a metal coat hanger to end their pregnancy. This is a really sad world to live in and someone shouldn't be allowed to have a say on someone else's decisions.