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## **POSITION PAPER ABOUT ABORTION, IS ABORTION RIGHT OR WRONG?**

### **INTRODUCTION**

An Abortion is defined as the “termination of a pregnancy by the removal or destruction of an embryo or fetus” (Wikipedia, 2023). It is a practice that involves the deliberate ending of a pregnancy so that it doesn't result in the birth of a child, a practice that has been fairly common and did not have any controversies or was illegal up until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The recent controversy on abortions touch on the moral, legal and ethical aspects about it, with some believing that abortions are morally wrong as they are ending the life of an innocent human being and others supporting them, arguing that they are the woman's reproductive right (Wikipedia, 2023). These two distinctive sides to abortion are recognized by two definite terms with the former being known as 'pro-life', and the latter being known as 'pro-choice' (Wikipedia, 2023). One can agree that women do have the right to do what they want to their bodies, however that right does not give them grounds to harming an innocent person which is why abortions are wrong.

### **COUNTER ARGUMENT**

“My body, my choice” is the slogan used by those that support abortion, those that are pro-choice. It is mostly used in issues of body autonomy and abortion, meaning that a person has the right to decide what to do over their body without external domination or duress (Wikipedia, 2023). They believe that abortions are a personal choice and that women should have the right to decide when and whether they want to have a baby and to have the option of doing an abortion. For them abortions are a safe, legal and justifiable practice. However, what they forget is that the fetus is not an organ of a woman's body, it's an actual person with a right to life, being inside something is not the same as being a part of something (Savchuck, 2022). Furthermore, the woman's autonomy to do whatever she wants to her body has limits, it does not and will not justify killing an unwanted person in her body (Savchuck, 2022). Their argument of supporting abortions because they are legal is ignorant because the law changes all the time. Apartheid was once legal here in South Africa but that does not mean that it was right, so using the law to try and justify abortions is just thoughtless. What these people need to keep in mind is that most abortions are done for shallow reasons, reasons like not being ready for the responsibility of having a baby, being unable to afford to raise a baby and believing that having a baby would interfere with their education or careers. Doing an abortion because of these reasons is unacceptable because if this is the case, they could simply put the baby up for adoption rather than kill it.

## **YOUR ARGUMENT**


The reality is that abortions are wrong because abortion is murder, it ends the life of an innocent human being that has the right to live. In fact, it can be said that life begins at conception, because the moment fertilization takes place the baby's genetic makeup is completely established, what its gender would be, along with its height, hair and skin colour, have already been determined (Savchuck, 2022). Research has confirmed that in the 10<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy the baby is sensitive to touch with a beating heart and detectable brain activity meaning that the baby can feel and experience excruciating physical pain. Knowing that abortions end the life of the fetus, it can be said that they are dreadfully painful to the baby, because how can being murdered not be painful. This therefore begs the question that, how can something that leads to the painful death of a person not be wrong? Despite the fact that we are in the best era of healthcare abortions are not a safe practice. Recent studies have connected a higher risk of getting ovarian and cervical cancer to abortions and also found that the trauma that is caused to the uterus during an abortion can make it difficult to conceive in the future and may also complicate the pregnancy (Ring-Cassidy & Gentles, 2002: 36). Furthermore, abortions also affect the mental health of the women, with it often leaving the women with a lifetime of mental anguish (Savchuck, 2022). They can cause mental conditions like depression and post-abortion syndrome, with countless women experiencing feelings of profound regret and guilt. Despite the fact that post-abortion syndrome is not recognized as a real condition by many medical organizations, there is no denying the fact that abortions are an unsafe practice that has left many women with psychological implications that are just as important as the physical effects of abortions.

### **Heading Numbers**

In essence, abortions may continue on being a long-standing controversy, with everyone having different views about what is right or wrong. Our argument that abortions are an unsafe practice that murders innocent babies, babies that can be put up for adoption and not be killed all explain our position on why abortions are wrong. As Alexis de Tocqueville once said, "Liberty cannot be established without morality", a concept which explains why the woman's autonomy to do whatever she wants to her body cannot justify murder through a morally wrong practice. Overall, if women could see how abortions aren't the only way to escape parenthood, maybe then innocent lives will stop being taken.

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Technical care (style of reference; bibliography), Use at least 7 sources (journal articles or books) that appears in both text and bibliography. Use the Harvard method consistently. Text is in 11 pt Arial, 1.5 line spacing and justified.	20	19
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