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Abortion

The topic of abortion has been a highly debated topic due to the fact that there are two opposing sides. Indeed, on one hand, there are those who oppose abortion while on the other hand, there are those who are in support of abortion. Nevertheless, prior to delving more into the subject, it is important that the actual meaning of the term abortion is established. From a review of various definitions of abortion, it can be noted that the definition varies from one source to another. For example, Katz et al. (6) have defined abortion as the termination of pregnancy before twenty weeks gestation calculated from the date of onset of last menses. In addition to that, the scholars have also explained that an alternative definition of abortion would entail delivery of a fetus that has a weight that is less than 500 grams. On the other Venes (56) who has compiled the Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary has defined abortion as the spontaneous or induced termination of pregnancy prior to the fetus reaching a viable age. However, it can be noted that even though there are different definitions of what abortion is, a simplistic definition of abortion can be said to be the definition given by Merriam Webster Dictionary (1) where abortion is explained as a medical procedure that is used

to end a pregnancy and at the same time to cause death of the fetus. This paper focuses on the subject of abortion and argues for legalization of abortion.

Those who oppose abortion are commonly referred to as pro-life or anti-abortion and vehemently oppose induced abortion and advocate for abortion to be made illegal. Nevertheless, what these people fail to recognize is that even if abortion was to be made illegal, it is a known fact that abortion would still be carried out and that would result to many deaths since it would be carried out by uneducated people who would be willing to risk being apprehended if caught undertaking abortion. Indeed, it has been reported that in each year, an estimated seventy deaths occur due to abortions that can be classified as being unsafe (Lohr et al. 5). From such a perspective, it can be said that it is time that abortion was legalized so that such unwanted deaths could be avoided since if abortion was legal, women who want to abort would receive expert assistance from trained and experienced professionals.

Those who are in support of abortion are also known as pro-abortion and they are of the opinion that women should be given the right to choose whatever they wish to do with their bodies implying that if they are not happy with their pregnancy, they should be allowed to abort if that is what will make them happy. For example, a woman might have been raped at gun point and by bad luck got pregnant. In such situations, it would be depressing and a major challenge for the woman to give birth to the child as the woman would find it hard to explain to friend and relatives as well as to the child when he/she grows up who the father is. Moreover, the lady might be bullied and if

not assisted might end up committing suicide. Thus, in such situation, legalization of abortion would be of great benefit to the lady as it would help the lady effectively manage the challenge of becoming pregnant by been raped.

On another perspective, by legalizing abortion, those who become pregnant at a young age can be able to get their life back on track. For example, a fifteen year old girl might get pregnancy unknowingly. The girl would have to be very strong to manage to get through pregnancy and give birth as she is going to get talked down by parents as well as friends and other relatives. Moreover, even if the young girl was to give birth, the girl would face a number of challenges when bringing up the baby and it is for that reason that it ideal that abortion is legalized so that those who want to abort can be able to do so without any fear of been punished if caught by the authorities.

On another perspective, by not legalizing abortion, that implies that those who do not get a chance to abort have to bring up a child that they never had plans of bringing up. Such a situation can have devastating impact to both the mother and the kid who is born since the mother has to live throughout her lifetime with the burden of bring up a child that she never wanted while in case of the child, he/she might not get good parental care as the mother initially never wanted to have the kid. Therefore, the only way that such problems can be avoided would be by legalizing abortion since by doing that, ladies who do not want to keep have babies can have abortion.

One of the arguments that is put forward by those who are not in support of abortion is that by making abortion legal, it will be like legalizing murder as abortion

entails killing of unborn child. Moreover, the anti-abortion also note that it is not allowed by the holy book to kill and thus legalizing abortion would entail going against the supreme being who is in charge of all the things in the world. To counter such a claim, it can be explained that there is no need of a lady bringing up a child that she never intended to bring up in the beginning as both the lady and the child will be put under a lot of pressure.

In conclusions, it can be noted that we live in a world that alleges to advocate for freedom of choice. Indeed, many things that were in the past did not have choices now have choices from which people can choose from. For example, one can now choose whether to be straight or to be gay. Thus, it can be explained that it is high time the issue of abortion that has been dragging on for many years is solved once for all. People should be given the choice to decide how they want to live their life hence if a lady wants to abort, the lady should be assisted rather than been denied to do what she wishes to do. Over the years, a lot of lives have been lost as ladies have sought abortion services from those who are not well experienced in offering such services. The only way that such deaths can be avoided is by legalizing abortion and it is high time that abortion becomes legal.

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