

The Ethics Of Abortion Abortion is a very controversial subject that has been continually argued over for the past few years and probably many years to come.

First before we get into the many sides of abortion we must first define abortion.

This can be done by almost anyone from the mother herself to back alley abortions and even to abortions by clinics set up especially for this purpose.

There are two sides to this abortion topic the PRO-LIFE which is those who are against abortion altogether and the PRO- CHOICE or those who believe it is the womans right to choose if she wants to have an abortion.

Although abortion is morally and ethically wrong should it be legal for victims of rape or incest who have no other alternative? Some of those who are pro-life will allow abortion in these cases because they don't know what else they can do for the victim and except it as a rare case.

But it is known that allowing abortion in these cases usually does not help the victim, instead it only worsens the problem because the victims needs are not being met.

But what the facts suggest is that only a minority of rape and incest victims actually choose abortion.

Pro-life states that "Abortion is not usually chosen as the immediate solution for rape and incest victims but that is the prevailing belief of the general population.

No one has studied the rape and incest victims needs; abortion is presumed to fill her needs." Various studies and research indicate that rape and incest victims fall into a high-risk category of abortion.

Jackie Baker a victim states: "I soon discovered that the aftermath of my abortion continued a long time after the memory of my rape had faded.

When a person becomes pregnant because of rape or incest there is a permanent symbol of the rape, at least until it is aborted.

Abortion does nothing to help the victims rape, and that is the problem they are trying to address in the first place.

When the needs of pregnant victims is closely examined it can be shown that abortion is not the answer and is in fact only worsening the problem.

After having an abortion victims thought they had solved the problem but in fact they had really just started a whole new one.

First lets talk about who has abortions and why they have abortions.

There are 1.6 million abortions in the United States every year, there is no real special class of people who have abortions.

Besides these reasons for abortion women also give researchers other reasons for getting an abortion.

In 1987 a survey of 1,900 women at 30 abortion facilities were asked, why do women have abortions? The reasons for which the public is approving of abortions is not always the reason of the person who wants to have an abortion.

Women do not have abortions because of rape, incest, deformed fetuses, or because their physical life is in danger.

Pro-choice feels the main reason for abortions is because contraception failed and they didn't want to have a baby at the time.

A 44-year-old psychologist with three children had an illegal abortion at 18 and a legal abortion at 28.

It is found that almost all of the 742 low-income women who received abortions in 1970-1971 at the State University Hospital in Syracuse, New York, intended to use contraception in the future, an attitude that was even stronger after their abortions.

Well the most obvious example of maturity is after an abortion the aborted person usually changes their bad habits.

"Pro-choice states that a woman is damaged by abortion, but pro-choice women state that is not so and it actually benefited them." They feel that the increase in more mature women after abortion, safer-sex, increased mental health, and increased self-esteem and self-image are good enough reasons for legalizing abortion.

After researching about abortion the solution that I find best fit to the abortion controversy is that although abortion is morally and ethically wrong there is no real alternatives for those who are victims of rape or incest.

Although pro-life and victims of rape and incest state that abortion adds to the pain of these crimes there is no other real solution.

Most victims would agree that it would be better to suffer through the pain of abortion than to have to live with a deformed child or even worse a child that is not really your own as a product of rape or incest.

This is why abortion should be allowed or legal for those unfortunate few who have no other choice but to have an abortion or live with this great burden.

Therefore my solution to the abortion problem is it should be legal for only those who are victims of rape or incest if they so chose to have an abortion.

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