

How Abortion Affects African American Women

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One of the biggest health problems we have within the African American women population is abortion. In the legal definition, an abortion is a termination of a fetus/embryo before it can sustain an independent life usually between the first 5 months. After 5 months, abortion is only done for medical purposes. Before there was over the counter emergency contraceptives there was an abortion called the “back-alley” abortion where people who were in poverty or couldn't afford to have an abortion went in the back alley to get the procedure done because it was fast and cheap. However, it caused a lot of health issues to those women. In this new day and age, we have legal abortion clinics all over the country and reproductive/sexual health care for women. The reasons why women specifically African American women have abortions is because of economic reasons and it was unplanned and weren't ready for it. There are many debates on whether abortion is legal after a certain amount of time or is it morally just to kill a baby even though it is not fully formed yet. There are two different types of people, pro-abortionist or anti-abortionist.

I personally don't believe in abortion because a woman is made to create life, and the fact that she gets to decide who lives or dies is like God in a sense. Women do have the power to choose, but without life, civilization would just be a complete dust. If a woman didn't plan a pregnancy and they want an abortion, they could've protected themselves in the first place. If you end up pregnant and you don't want the baby, go through with it and give it up for adoption. There are many options that a woman can take instead of having an abortion. Religiously and morally I believe it's wrong to have an abortion. My opinion on this is why have unprotected sex knowing that you will get pregnant and know that the first thing that comes to mind is abortion. Maybe some women are allergic to the latex on the condom or some just like to have sex raw.

Even if you do have sex raw there are still other options like, birth control pill, implants, IUD, oral contraceptives, female sterilization, and depo-provera. In a high school health class they teach you about having protected sex and what to do if you end up pregnant.

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