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Ethical Question

Is abortion worth legalizing, especially when mothers' lives are at risk, rape cases and incest?

Introduction

Depending on the society, abortion is banned almost completely or some exemptions are made under some circumstances. The total or partial ban of abortion purely depends on the people's cultural, spiritual and religious ethical beliefs in that particular society in question. The societies that feel it illegal and unethical to abort irrespective of any circumstance believe that it is inhuman. Abu-Baker & Mrayyan (2020) argue that societies prefer abortion when mother's life or pregnancy is at risk. Also, some religious practices do not tolerate abortion at any given circumstance because they see the act as evil and ungodly (Hasselbacher et al., 2020). The relevance of this ethical question under discussion is to provide insight whether or not; it is appropriate, moral and ethical to allow certain cases of abortion in consideration to the mother's life which for any reason can be at risk due to the pregnancy or also, whether the pregnancy was as a result of rape or incest.

Additionally, from the background perspective of this ethical question, it is important to note that the question of the morality and ethicality of abortion of whatever reason and nature is a debate that has not been won by either side that supports or opposes the idea. This can be witnessed in the argument of Scarfone (2020). They noted that many oppose doing so because they perceive any form of abortion to be unethical and immoral. In contrast, supporters do so while citing health reasons as their main factors that lead to their reasoning towards the topic.

Moreover, supporters believe that not all pregnancies are the same and so the ones acquired through rape or incest should be terminated, as argued by Cohen (2015) and Gray (2017). They believe that health care and crime deterrence workers should balance the risk of the mother's health and the possible criminality tied to safe abortion. The paper, therefore, will represent my stand on the debate with reasons tied to the same.

Position Statement

Abortion should be only legalized in risky cases, rape or pregnancy as a result of incest.

Reason for the Position

A mother's health should be a top consideration for an abortion because it is reasonable to protect a mother's life by doing an abortion instead of allowing the fetus to grow as it endangers the mother's life. Also, it is morally and ethically upright to have an abortion whose conception was due to incest or rape. Therefore, allowing such children to grow may result in mental torture to the mother and the children. They will face humiliation from society during the whole period of the children's growth. Most importantly, those should be the only reasons for abortion and any other reason should be punishable by law.

Opposing Position Statement

Ethically and morally, consideration of mother's life together with pregnancy due to rape as well as incest should not be a reason at all for allowing abortion.

Reasons for The Opposing Position Statement

Religiously, it is against Christian values, morals and ethics to abort. Because abortion is regarded as a sin since it is an act of killing the unborn. Therefore, following the Christian values

prohibits abortion for whatever reason, including pregnancy due to rape and incest or consideration of the mother's health.

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