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Roe v. Wade

What does this episode teach us about gender and society?

This episode teaches us that the government is trying to decide for women what they should do with their bodies. Abortion is a polemic subject and does raise concerns about how do we protect life, but it shouldn't be illegal. Especially for cases of rape. Women should be able to decide if they will carry on the pregnancy or not, because it is happening in their body, and they will be responsible for the child. If it's right or wrong, it should be up to them to decide. I believe is enough burden and guilty to go through the process and live with it, fighting for the right to do it shouldn't be an additional burden. The podcast also teaches us the procedures women who choose to have an abortion have to go through, it's like the state is convincing the women not to do it because they are obliged to watch some propaganda before, I do believe they should be handed all the information to make an informed decision but without taking on a side.

What information is presented?

Roe vs Wade is a podcast where the hosts discuss abortion regulations, the undue burden language of that decision which states use to decide whether or not people will have an abortion. On a federal level, there isn't much that can be done besides cutting federal funds for abortion procedures to women who are under Medicaid, Medicare, women in Indigenous Reserves, or women in the military health plan. In the 60s a politician who wanted to have abortion banned declared that unfortunately he could only target poor women that are under this health care plan, but then on a state level the local governments started to come up with their own rules towards

abortion. In terms of the procedure itself, special guest Megan Burbank informs that the procedure isn't complicated when performed early on and could be compared to a colonoscopy.

What is the perspective of the hosts or story-tellers?

Sarah Marshall's perspective is that no matter how you feel about abortion personal beliefs and feelings shouldn't be used to pass public health policies. Mike thinks there is a difference between thinking abortions are wrong and abortion should be illegal and people struggle with that.

What is the historical and/or cultural significance of the content?

Sarah Marshall points out women even in tribal times had their ways to prevent pregnancies.

That's not known by most people and it's quite interesting because choosing when you get pregnant is a huge freedom to women, it was only with the pill that sexual liberation occurred.

Abortion being part of public health systems is giving women rights to their own body and that's the significance of it. Abortion is empowering feminism. I only see pre-conceived ideas and religious beliefs getting in the way. If we were to discuss from a spiritual point of view, it's a life being taken away and that would be the karma of the person, but still, it should be up to her to decide what karma she will carry.