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Introduction: Ever since 1973 abortion has been legal in the United States. Throughout the years it has still been a very controversial topic. The U.S. has had its fair share of debate over the issue amongst its political and religious leaders. Some people are pro-choice and some are pro-life. The difference is pro-choice gives women the option to have a say in what they want to do with their bodies if they get pregnant. how has legalizing abortions in the united states affect women ? this is an important question to ask ourselves and an important question to research for me personally, because it puts into perspective what other women may be going through and how what society thinks and views abortions shouldn't matter since it is a medical procedure and has everything to do with a woman's health and ability to have all their needs to want become and go through pregnancy and raising a child. It has nothing to do with society's opinions on it. Nobody should be put through hell from protesters and society's negative opinions for someone who just isn't ready in any way shape or form to have a child. This topic has interested me because it gives me a chance to shed light on a controversial discussion that can help women if they need it.

Citation 1: Frun, david. *Lets get real about abortions. Cnn, 2012.*

<https://www.cnn.com/2012/10/29/opinion/frum-abortion-reality/index.html>

Summary: in this online article we read david frun's take on the debate on abortions. Frun goes on to talk about that he believes if a woman is made to carry a baby to term that was conceived through rape that the government should compensate said child carrier. He compares that situation to when veterans come back from war and are offered discounts and if someone were to get their credit card stolen the government would step in and do something about it. He also makes a segue to compare the economy and recession and abortions. He is linking lower class percentage of people to high abortion rates. He is trying to argue that women should not have to deal with the economic stress if they are not in the right financial situation, that comes with being pregnant and raising a baby if the woman doesn't want to.

reflection: in my opinion i would have to say that i agree with the article david frun wrote. Women should have the choice if they want to bring a child into this world and it is up to them to know if they are ready and responsible enough to take care of another human being. Not all women can take care of a child because they don't have the financial support that they may need to raise a healthy baby. Raising a child is an expensive obligation. From doctor visits before the baby is born to buying diapers to clothing and everything between that until the next 18 years. Forcing women to go through with pregnancy and child bearing even if it's an instance of rape disregarding their financial status and ability to is basically telling women everywhere in

America that they do not have a right to control what happens to their bodies and their bank accounts.

Quotation: “Even here in the United States, where parental benefits are much less generous, abortion responds to economic conditions. In the prosperous 1990s, abortion rates declined rapidly. In the less prosperous ‘00s, abortion rates declined more slowly. When the economy plunged into crisis in 2008, abortion rates abruptly rose again. These trends should not surprise anyone. Women choose abortion for one overwhelming reason: economic insecurity. The large majority of women who chose abortion in 2008, 57%, reported a disruptive event in their lives in the previous 12 months: most often, the loss of a job or home. Of the women who choose abortion, 58% are in their 20s. Some 61% of them already have a child. Almost 70% of them are poor or near poor. Three-quarters say they cannot afford another child.”

Citation 2: joffe carole, roe v. wade and beyond: forty years of legal abortion in the united states, dissent magazine, 2013

<https://www.dissentmagazine.org/article/roe-v-wade-and-beyond-forty-years-of-legal-abortion-in-the-united-states>

Summary: carole joffe wrote about the impact abortions being legal for forty years had on women and families. The overall decline of bad mental health for both women and children due to child spacing. Carole joffe mentions The impact legal abortions had on the health care providers for womens overall health which led to empolyees being murdered by “anti abortion terroists” and the harassment other clinics have to deal with due to protesters overstepping. She also talks about the debatse that started politically, speaking against what passed presidents have had to negatively say or done about the topic of abortion and how people in congress would find loopholes to make getting abortions harder for women with the “protect life act” which meant that a doctor can refuse to perform the procedure if they felt as if they shouldnt get an abortion. Joffe also spoke about the impact legal abortions had on the feminisim movement and how there is still a long way to go representation wise for other minorioties and issues.

Reflection: i agreed with all of carole joffes had to say on many of the topics shes covered regarding abortion. It is important to take into consideration the hate that is being spewed out just because women want rights over their own bodies and don't want to be used and human incubators and it shouldnt result in healthcare workers being murdered because people don't agree with what is already legal and has been legal for forty eight years now. I also agree with the claims she made that women are overall more mentally better when they get to choose when they want to start a family or have more kids in regards to child spacing, it's an effective way to make sure couples or women are financially stable enough to have another child.

Quotation: “From a public health standpoint, legal abortion has unquestionably benefited women and their families. Thousands of American women who sought abortions used to die before *Roe*, and now such women don't. Though we will never know exact figures, estimates of the number of women who died annually from illegal abortion in the years before *Roe* range anywhere from one thousand to ten thousand. Many more women were injured, often losing their reproductive capacity. Immediately after *Roe*, death and injuries from abortion declined dramatically, and today, only a handful of women in the United States die each year from complications of legal abortion. American women are more than fourteen times more likely to die in childbirth than

from a first trimester abortion. Though the anti-abortion movement has repeatedly claimed negative mental health effects of abortion, this charge has been decisively refuted by mental health experts who state that the best predictor of a woman's mental health after an abortion is her mental health before the procedure. Moreover, the presence of legal abortion has meant that millions of American women have been able to have the families they wished for, whether that meant delaying having children until a time that they could be adequately taken care of or forgoing childbearing altogether."

Citation 3: [obos abortion contributors, the impact of illegal abortion, our bodies ourselves, 2014](https://www.ourbodiesourselves.org/book-excerpts/health-article/impact-of-illegal-abortion/)
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Summary: the article talks about the fact that women will still find a way to end an unwanted pregnancy regardless even if the risks are high. which they definitely were because the article also talks about the comparisons of the dangers from getting a backstreet abortion and the side effects from using the wrong instruments that can cause major bleeding, infections and major damage internally which can lead to death or having issues with getting pregnant. in this day and age when getting an abortion is legal and done right with the correct equipment there is a very slim chance in things going wrong and the article explains this as well.

Reflection: i believe that it is important to notice the difference in the numbers when it comes to comparing the fatalities and injuries that came from a time when getting an abortion was illegal, to now when they are fully legal and doctors can do their procedures safely and with the proper instruments and abilities. It's an eye opener to know that you can now have trust in the doctor performing this procedure because they know what they are doing and are using the correct safety precautions to ensure everything goes smoothly. It is good to know that now that abortions are legal women aren't being negatively affected by the outcomes as they were in 50's from the side effects to the death toll alone from illegal abortions.

Quotation: "Each year around 7 million women are admitted to hospitals for complications of unsafe abortion and between 4.7% – 13.2% of maternal deaths can be attributed to unsafe abortion. Highly restrictive abortion laws are not associated with lower abortion rates. According to the Guttmacher Institute, the abortion rate is 37 per 1,000 women in countries that prohibit abortion altogether or allow it only to save a woman's life, and 34 per 1,000 in countries that allow abortion without restriction as to reason. Estimates of the number of illegal abortions in the United States, in the 1950s and 1960s range from 200,000 to 1.2 million per year. Today, abortion is one of the most commonly performed clinical procedures in the United States, and the death rate from abortion is extremely low: 0.6 per 100,000 procedures, according to the World Health Organization. Legalization of abortion allows women to obtain timely abortions, thereby reducing the risk of complications. In 1970, one in four abortions in the United States took place at or after 13 weeks gestation. In 2015, 91 percent of abortions were performed within the first trimester, with 65 percent performed at or under eight weeks gestation. Access to safe and legal abortion is vital to women's health and well-being."

Conclusion: Roe v. Wade law may be a debatable topic amongst many. doing as much research as i can on this topic made me even more pro choice than i was before, it is important for women to have that right for themselves. to be able to do something that makes them feel that they are not ready for in more ways than one. The topic will always be controversial but it has benefited women in a time of need, it has made it safer for them to go through something difficult like an abortion. That's why this kind of research and information is important because It's giving women the choice of what they want to do with their bodies and what they want to be put through. Making abortion illegal does not stop women from getting an abortion it would stop them from getting a safe abortion, which can lead to many complications both mentally and physically. This kind of research is important to everyone with a uterus who cares about having a choice about what they want to do with their bodies. It is important to be aware of how this affects people with uteruses and doing what's best for your health and body.