

## Fetal rights; why we need to protect the unborn.

**General-purpose:** to persuade

**Specific purpose:** to persuade the audience on why fetal laws should be enacted and enforced in all the countries.

**Thesis statement:** Fetal protection laws have many benefits including but not limited to reducing the effects abortion has on women, safeguarding the welfare of the fetus, care of pregnant ladies, and ensuring the workforce of the country is continually replenished.

### Introduction.

In modern days, the number of unplanned pregnancies has gone alarmingly high. By consequence, the number of abortions has almost proportionally increased. Case in point, in 2018, the rate of abortion was statistically discovered to be 189 per 1000 conceptions in 2018 (Kortsmitt, 2020). This was an increase compared to 2005 when the rate was 15 per 1000 women (Gamble 2008).

During the period of 1998-2010, 108 women out of 16.1 million who carried out an abortion succumbed to the operation (CDC, 2013). This is just a brief description of how a civilization without the guidance of fetal laws could end up losing a large population of prospective mothers. I believe fetal laws are the solution to reducing and even eradicating fatalities due to death. Fetal laws are also the go-to option for the safeguarding of the fetal interests who are yet even know how to stand up for themselves.

### Body.

- I. **Fetal rights advocate for the protection of pregnant ladies while protecting the fetus.**
  - A. Certain fetal rights look to ensure that the prospective mother is protected and her welfare taken care of. The maternal link between the fetus and the mother causes the fetus to be affected directly by what happens to the mother. Fetal rights advocate that prospective mothers be given certain privileges so as not to compromise the fetus' well-being.
    1. Right from places of work, fetal laws spell out specifications regarding work hours, the allowances expectant ladies should receive, the leniency they should receive in case of a work-related punishment, and even the working conditions of the mother.
    2. Fetal laws also ensure that they do not spend long hours in queues so as to not fatigue them. All these legislations are in place to ensure that the fetus' well-being is not compromised and lead to a situation whereby abortion is required. They also seek to protect the fetus against any harm ensuring that it will be born healthy. In a nutshell, not only have fetal laws protect the baby, but they have also given the mother an ample environment to take care of the baby and herself too.

## II. Fetal rights will reduce the fatalities and side-effects of abortion

- A. Back in 1973, a landmark case under the title of Roe v. Wade resulted in the legalization of abortion in the United States (“Fetal rights”, 2021). Since then, some countries have followed suit and legalized the same. However, some countries have strong principles when it comes to human life and has therefore not made abortion legal. This has resulted in illegal abortions in the latter which have led to fatalities due to the manner in which the whole process is carried out. For instance, during 1998-2010 out of 13.1 million abortions, 108 women succumbed to the process (CDC, 2015).
- B. This, however, does not mean that the countries which have legalized abortions have been spared of the fatalities and related effects.

Apart from the deaths, a number of side effects have been reported which has affected the involved ladies which include but not limited to:

1. periodic hemorrhage,
2. damage to the cervix,
3. Damage of internal organs;

Just to mention but a few. I believe if fetal laws were to be enacted and enforced in both cases, we would easily avoid such tragic scenarios. There would be no more fatalities and no more abortion-related complications such as sterility. I hereby urge you to join me in this endeavor to ensure that we do not lose any more of our women to this monster under the disguise of abortion.

## III. Fetal rights lookout for the welfare of the fetus.

- A. Medical research is ever discovering new ways in which an expectant lady's actions during the gestation period can jeopardize her baby's health. One does not have to abort and in the process kill the fetus to have interfered with the well-being of the baby which is the top-most priority.
- B. Fetal protection laws and policies in different jurisdictions have prohibited pregnant ladies from indulging in activities that may put the lives of their unborn children at risk and the mothers by extension. These activities include:
  1. Drinking alcohol.
  2. Smoking.
  3. Abusing drugs and substances.
  4. Attempting suicide.
- C. While some of these activities do not necessarily kill the fetus, they hamper its development and may eventually lead to its demise. There have been reported cases of babies being born while they are dead due to the activities of the maternal mother. Some have been born prematurely and then succumbed shortly after. At the end of the day, the main goal is to ensure that the fetus is born healthy and gets a chance to live. This has many benefits to the nation and the world at large. For instance, the workforce shall receive a new member regardless of the profession or field. In addition to that, with the advent of a new mind, new ideas are bound to

come up. We should thereby champion these laws and policies if we are to make the world a better place.

#### IV. In the spirit of upholding human rights

- A. Fetal rights are the legal rights the human fetus is entitled to under laws governing civilization. It is contended that the unborn youngsters have similar rights as the living individuals(Korff,2014), this implies that they ought to be treated equally as living people and nothing ought to be done to jeopardize the existence of the unborn kids. They all deserve to live and make a life for themselves. Fetal rights seek to ensure that this happens.
- B. On the other hand, abortion stands for the contrary. For us to proudly express how civilized we are, we have to uphold all laws including the laws concerning the sacredness of life however underdeveloped it is.
- C. Religion supports fetal rights and we should all take a page out of their book.

#### Conclusion.

To sum up the above arguments, I persuade you to champion fetal laws. Not only do they have a number of benefits both to the fetus and mother, but also promote humanity.

Although

There are views that are in favor of abortion; legally induced abortion, I strongly believe we should welcome life regardless of, our preparedness and stop committing murders in the name of

Buying more time to be financially stable.

What if your parent had decided to ignore fetal rights and aborted you!

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