

Women's Rights, A Public Letter

Dear Indiana Government, since the beginning of time women have always been pushed back and put to the side, women were the last group of people to be able to vote, some women still cannot drive in certain countries, women weren't able to work, or join the military, and the list goes on and on. For years women have taken the anguish of simply being them and now America is trying to take another female right away from us again, not knowing the up roar they can cause, women now have a backing and as a whole are not scared to stand up for our rights and wills to be able to live freely in a country where the man is able to own and purchase a gun at the age of 18. On August 1st, 2023, the effect took place where there is almost a full ban on abortion excluding rape and incest before a 10-week fertilization mark, which in most cases a women wouldn't be able to know they are pregnant, a pregnancy test also only gives accurate result two weeks after a missed period giving a very small window for victims to get the help they need.

A big reason also includes just because its illegal doesn't mean it won't happen, back-alley abortions as they are called are most commonly done using a hanger to pull the embryonic sack out, this can often lead to the mental health of a women going down, serious infection, hemorrhages, injury to internal organs, permanent infertility, and in the worst-case death. In an article from The Washington Post "When Abortions were Illegal-And How Women Got Away with Them" the writer states 1 out of 5 women choose to have an illegal abortion rather than giving birth, it also has a women who wasn't named in the article who even traveled to a Scandinavian Country to have an illegal abortion done, and her own physician gave her the information to go because she said he understood. She was not the only women to do this either,

there was a doctor in Washington named Dr. Strother who served 15 years in prison for doing illegal abortion procedures and he about 600,000\$ a years police say in 1955, this shows the demand was high and there for women who wanted abortions.

The decision to pass this law was a 4 -1 decision made in Indiana, how is it that if in a court case if only 1 jury member feels the person is innocent you get a not guilty verdict but if one official member feels a way a 4 to 1 ration is still the deciding factor. Our country is built on the bias of the land of the free and the home of the brave but it's hard to claim that when the very decision of a women's body is put into the hand of elderly men who have never endured pregnancy, rape, and everything else that is put on you when you enter this world as a woman. On average 3 million will have a rape related pregnancy in a lifetime says cdc.gov, there are also 463,634 rapes of children aged 12 years old and up reported in the United States, that is also another statistic taken from the official CDC website. This can only show you how big of a problem this is and how serious the government decides to take it until it doesn't affect them, if you know the facts and can determine the damage being done on a number in the millions why stop women from being able to try and get rid of a trauma they had physically because they'll never get the relief mentally.

As I talk about the mental effect you also have to take into consideration the lives of women who haven't been raped who just are not ready, who have men who don't want to be fathers, young mothers who still need to take care of themselves, grown women who just lost their job and can barely pay rent for the children they already have, and any other situation that is true to them, as an American you should have the freedom for your body, and the rest of your life to be your choice too. Many counter arguments are the children have lives too, and deserve to live, and while that argument may have some valid points, my question is would they have a

good life though? How would you think a child who wasn't even wanted to begin with quality of life would be in a world unwanted? Then others say what about adoption. While adoption is an option 1 in 6 children (16%) in the system are found to have been abused, 25% to 40% of people out of the foster system have claimed to have been abused while 10% of children are sexually abused, 6% are emotionally abused, and 2% are abused medically. This all isn't to say some children don't go on to live full and happy lives through foster care or adoption, but a larger percent goes through turmoil, which could have been avoided.

Many mothers who had thoughts of going through with an abortion also have post-partum conditions in the worst way and often turn violent, The University of California also did a study of the harmful effects of turning away a woman for an abortion and the harmful effects it put on the mother. They also found that women who had high risk pregnancies that were denied abortions, have passed. Nobody died from a legal abortion ever. The study also found that women who give birth and were denied abortions are more likely to stay with a violent partner, more likely to be late on bills, more likely to have a low credit score and more likely to result in raising a child alone. All these things are things that could've been avoided our country stuck to its theme. Land of the free and home of the brave, is it really?