

Rape/Incest Exception

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Donald [REDACTED]

Rape. Looking at that child would remind them of that trauma. A child with severe birth defects. I don't care for abortion itself. But back Allie with the coat hanger was happening and will continue. I'd rather it be safe.

Donald, pregnancy as a result of rape is incredibly traumatic, and we must treat these women with overwhelming love and compassion. It is important to note that rape accounts for less than 1% of abortions. Regarding severe handicaps, we as people should not impose our standard of living on another - it is a bias against the handicapped. Please watch this short video featuring Edgar Pacheco - a young man born without arms or legs - one of the worst disabilities. <https://abc13.com/society/teen-born-without-limbs-already-has-sights-for-political-office/5384431/>

Regarding back-alley abortions, that is an image that quite honestly was manufactured by abortion advocates and yet debunked by more honest abortion proponents. **Even as far back as 1960**, Dr. Mary S. Calderone, a former director of Planned Parenthood wrote in the American Journal of Public Health, "Abortion is no longer a dangerous procedure...whether therapeutic or illegal, is in the main no longer dangerous, because it is being done well by physicians." Illegal and legal abortions have long been done by physicians and midwives.

More importantly, we need to keep the focus on the main issue. If abortion takes the life of an innocent human being - which it does - then it is wrong. We as a society do not allow the taking of innocent life in any other context. Human beings have an inalienable right to life.


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Kirk [REDACTED]

Do you or do you not think women who are pregnant as a result of rape should be forced by the government to carry the pregnancies of their rapists to term?

Kirk, rape is a very intimate horror. As humans we should always strive for the path of the most love, the most healing, the most compassion - for all people involved in a particular situation. With that as a guide

it seems in most circumstances the best path of love as a society is to help the woman choose life. The few studies that have been done generally show that is the best psychological outcome for the woman. It is certainly best for the baby. That being said there is no easy answer in the case of rape.

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Laura [REDACTED]

I'm not arguing that it's not human. But the fact is, some women don't want to be parents, don't want to be pregnant and give birth. For whatever reason, birth control fails, they are raped, they deserve an out. I think abortion should be legal through 12 weeks, and illegal after that. That just what I believe.

Laura, we appreciate your compassion toward women in unintended pregnancies. However, the disruption of a months-long pregnancy does not outweigh the value of the baby's entire life. There is a plethora of resources to assist women financially and emotionally through their pregnancies and people waiting anxiously to adopt. Estimates are that 1-2 million couples are on adoption waiting lists each year. Pregnancy as a result of rape is incredibly traumatic, and we must treat rape victims with overwhelming love and compassion. It is important to note that rape/incest accounts for less than 1% of abortions. The main issue is - if abortion takes the life of an innocent human being - which it does - then it is wrong. We as a society do not allow the taking of innocent life in any other context. Human beings have an inalienable right to life as stated in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

Again, it is obvious that you come from a place of compassion. Please listen to this brief two-minute video of people who survived abortions. They poignantly present their perspective as individuals deserving the fundamental Right to Life. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm24p8cBPKQ>

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Bobby [REDACTED]

That's how I got here. 80% of us adoptee types are Pro-Choice. Why?? We know what kind of treatment our mothers got from people just like you. Leave women alone.

Bobby, I am very sorry if you had a poor adoptive experience. However, were you adopted as an infant or an older child? Age of adoption is a factor in adoptive experience. We agree that women making the

choice for adoption due to rape or for any reason need to be helped with compassion. More resources need to be provided for both adoptive children and adoptive families - not death via abortion.

Also, please provide evidence regarding your statement that 80% of adoptees are pro-choice. I have never seen any studies making that claim. Would you truly wish that you had not been born? I hope that your life is a happy one and that you will recognize life is our greatest gift.