

Good article on Abortion Rights,
But is the topic on individual freedom vs. government
Government control on abortion or
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Individual Freedom vs. Governmental Control – Abortion Rights

In a cruel world where rights are reprimanded on a daily basis, humans struggle against their governments in a fight to keep their personal beliefs. The long-held belief of each individual controlling their own life has become blurred as government interference begins dictating what one is allowed or not allowed to do. A person should be able to make their own personal decisions since it affects only their life and not the lives of others. In the case of pro-life versus pro-choice, the government should not have a say in whether or not a woman decides to have an abortion.

The legal rights of humans are attacked if the government decides to ban abortions or force abortions throughout a nation. In America, the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as stated in the Declaration of Independence should allow for any American citizen to make their own personal decisions that allow for happiness in their own lives. No religious section or any other form of organization should be able to dictate whether or not a woman has an abortion. The passing of legalizing abortions in the Supreme Court case of Roe v Wade was influenced greatly by the rights stated in the Declaration of Independence as well as the American government hearing the opinion of the people. Undoubtedly, the Chinese government should also follow stated in the Declaration of Independence by uplifting their One Child Policy by allowing their citizens the choice of having or not having and child, without the threat of abortion. While Americans fight for pro-life versus pro-choice, some Chinese have no say in the matter due to the constricting One Child Policy and are forced to either give up their children, have an abortion, or hide their child away in secrecy. As a result of the citizens' weariness and untrusting demeanor, the Chinese government often time uses scare-tactics with military artillery to force its citizens to obey the unjust laws. If a government expects its citizens to obey the law and not revolt against those in control, it should allow each of its citizens the right of pro-choice. If the Chinese government claims to want what is best for the nation and its people, it should cease reprimanding women of their natural rights over their own bodies. Legal rights are threatened if the government places laws on prohibiting or mandating abortions.

Different scenarios might arise which threaten a woman's personal life if she does or does not get an abortion. In America, the topic of pro-life has been long debated and supported especially by religious followers. However, what if a woman was raped as a teenager and had no means to support a child? She should be able to have the choice to abort the baby to not only financially support herself, but to also ensure that the child not be born into a father-less and financially unstable life. If the law had stated that she was forced to keep the child, both she and the child would be in need of financial aid and the government would lose its economic standing as it must give money in order to aid the single-parent and her child. Overall, the domino effect of not allowing a woman to abort her child would cripple first the mother and her child, then the

American government and finally the economy in a never-ending cycle of turmoil. In China, the topic of pro-life or pro-choice is not up for discussion as the government dictates the One Child Policy. If a woman and her husband unsuccessfully tried to have a child of their own and decided to adopt a child, realized that the woman was pregnant a few months later, should the mother be forced to abort her child? In this situation, the mother should be able to choose to keep the child if she knows she is able to care and support it in the future. The government should have zero say in letting a woman keep a child that is rightfully hers. Depending on a mother's individual lifestyle, an abortion might be necessary or unnecessary but whatever the case may be, the government has no right to intervene in her decision.

Though governments vary throughout the world, humans should still be able to keep their own personal rights to their bodies. Whether or not a woman decides to have an abortion should be completely her choice and not the choice of a government. Individual freedom is essential to maintain a balance of personal and governmental control in society. If the government begins to strip these freedoms from its people, uprisings and unfavorable consequences are bound to occur. Individual freedom should always outweigh and conquer over governmental control.