**Introduction**

- We believe men should have a role in reproductive justice, particularly abortion.
- In Planned Parenthood vs. Danforth (1976), the Supreme Court essentially stripped men and husbands of their right to have a say in whether a woman or wife should be able to abort their baby.
- In our opinion, if you engage in sexual intercourse, you assume the risk that a child will be born. Both a man and a woman co-created the pregnancy, and both should have a role in determining the future of the pregnancy.

**John Jay College Survey Findings**

A survey was administered to 59 students at John Jay College. Students were asked the following question:

*Do you think men should have rights in decisions around abortion?*

**Results:**

56% of men surveyed believe men should have rights in decisions around abortion, while only 32% of women surveyed believe this should be the case.

**Abortion's Impact on Men**

- According to interviews conducted by the Los Angeles Times, feelings of guiltiness of men, surpassed those of post-abortive women.
- Research also shows that men who aren’t helped to mourn over an abortion may become less involved as nurturing parents in the future.
- Limiting men’s role in abortion decisions may also encourage sexually predatory habits by releasing men from responsibility for their actions.

**National Coalition for Men**

- The National Coalition for Men is a gender-inclusive organization that offers support groups for men.
- Their goal is to remove gender-based stereotypes about men, ending sex discrimination and promoting awareness about gender-based expectations.
- They intend to change views on traditional male roles and so-called masculine behaviors.

**Call to Action**

- In situations in which women want to abort a fetus and their male partner does not, there should be a way for him to have a legal say in the decision. However, in our view, men should also have to prove both economic and mental stability to ensure the well-being of the baby.

**Conclusion**

- Men deal with chronic grief in regards to abortion, sometimes more so than women, yet there is little to no counseling or support provided for men, compared to support for women.
- An increase in reproductive rights for men, will decrease emotional stress in men, and help the continual decline of abortions.

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