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Women and Crime
Forced Abortions
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The Unjust of Forced Abortions

In today's forced abortion is a prevailing topic that many people tend to put on the back burner. Forced abortion is when a perpetrator causes abortion either by force, threat, coercion or by taking advantage of a women's incapability to give her consent. Forced abortion can also occur instances when the conduct was neither justified by medical or hospital treatment. In cases such as medical or hospital treatment forced abortion can be the following: forced sterilization and physical invasion of the women's female reproductive organs. Not until the Nuremberg Trails forced abortion was considered legal. The Nuremberg Trails set the precedent for the crime against humanity, forced abortion is now consider a crime against humanity and those who commit such action will be punished by law.

It common to hear of forced abortions in countries like China and Korea. Although hearing about forced aborting in the United States is far from disturbing, when such heinous crimes are happening right in our background. There are many reasons for women for having forced abortions. This is not her choice, it's their choice. When saying it's their choice, who are they? They are mothers. fathers, husband, boyfriends, no other option is given to her, family would kick her out of the house, loss of family support, society told her too, and lastly a medical clinic persuaded her to get an abortion. "In ninety-five percent of all these case, the male partner plays a central role in the decision" of causing the women to have an abortion. (Mary K. Zimmerman) Per Shostak and Mclouth, "of men interviewed at abortion clinics 45% recalled urging abortion, including 37% of married men." Many of the men reported being justified by their decision in the fact of causing the women to have an abortion.

There was a national study taken on women who felt as if they were pressured in any way by others to get an abortion. Of this national study sixty-four percent of those women answered yes, they felt pressured. The list above for reasons why women have abortions are pressure that caused sixty-four percent to answer yes. Having these intense pressure to abort take a toll on a women's mental state. These pressures from husbands, boyfriends, parents, doctors, school or non school counselors or even close family or friends add to these intense pressures that the women is already feeling with the pregnancy. There are many cases on top of these pressures that causes forced abortions. Coercion, violence, treats and/or blackmail to cause her into abortion. In many cases of battered women who are forced by either their husband or boyfriend to get an abortion and do not listen can be beaten, tortured and even possibly killed.

There are three cases that I came across where women where forced into abortion either they had no say or demanded to get an abortion. Reading on the first case of a women who was forced to have an abortion was a husband jumped numerous times of his wife's stomach to force an abortion. The wife had a miscarriage and was driven into a deep state of depression. The next story is such as disturbing as the first. In the case the women forced her own daughter at gunpoint to go to the abortion clinic to abort the baby. The daughter wanted the baby and was excited about being a mother. Although the mother was not quite happy is disproved of the pregnancy. The mother threaten if she had not got an abortion the mother would have shoot her in the stomach. Just like the first story the women was also driven into a deep state of depression. The mother that day had lost apart of her soul. The last story truly can make one angry. The women's husband forcibly injected his wife with an abortifacient drug. An abortifacient drug is a substance that induces the women to have an abortion. The wife had no choice in keeping the

child, the husband did not want so therefore he took the life of a child that his wife would never get to hold.

As much as those stories above are disturbing and awful to hear the stories just get worse. There was a former security guard who worked for an abortion clinic who testified before the court of law in Massachusetts. He stated that women were routinely threatened and known to be abused by their husbands or boyfriends who took them to the clinic such as the one where the security guard worked to get abortions. He also stated that these women were also pressured from those who you would expect in the personal setting. They were doctors, and nurses at the clinic. If these women would get an abortion the clinic staff would financially reward them for getting abortions. This is known as selling abortions. This is such a horrible philosophy to reward and pay women for getting an abortion, when in many cases these women do not intend to receive such transaction.

When a woman is forced into an abortion there are probably many more circumstances that are unaware to the human eye. Many of these circumstances that are hidden to the human eye are domestic violence. In a national study taken on women who felt as if they were pressured in any way by others to get an abortion, ninety-two percent of women surveyed listed that domestic violence and assault as a major issue and concern to them. Women who would not get an abortion then their spouse demanded it was at a high risk of domestic violence or assault. Many women have been killed by their partners as a result of not getting an abortion. One scary fact is murder is the leading cause of death among pregnant women. Pre Alan Guttmacher Institute, "thirty percent of women have an abortion because someone else, not the woman, wants it."

Women who are forced into an abortion will pay at a high cost from their abusers for years or till they die. Thirty-one percent of women had health complications afterwards and sixty-five percent suffered multiple symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorders. (VM Rue) In like all the stories list above about women who were forcible to abort their child faced a great deal of depression. Sixty-five percent of these women are at risk of clinical depression and ten percent have an immediate life compilation which some are life-threatening. (JR Cogle) One sad statistic that I would really frightening to read is women who are forced an abortion are six to seven times higher to commit suicide to those women who have given birth to their child.

It is vary saddening to awful for women that are forced to have an abortion. During their pregnancy these women should not have to worry about these outside pressures that want them to harm her child in any way shape or form. This should be a time where a soon to be mother is filled with joy and be loved through ever process of her phase through pregnancy. These outside pressures that harm or cause the mother into forced abortion should be punished to the hardest extremes by the court of law. My heart goes out to these women only hoping and preying that they will be able to heal and find a way out of this vicious cycle.

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