Pro-Life vs. Pro-Choice

The Ethical Battle of Abortion

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Discussion of the “A” word began with efforts on eliminating abortion rights for women.

Supreme Court’s involvement and influence on abortion laws is one of the most controversial women’s rights issues of today.

Moralities vs. Religious beliefs
History of Abortion Rights & Laws

- “50% of pregnancies among American women are unintended – ½ of these are terminated by abortion”
- Personal stories and reasons for choosing abortions
- Government funding
Feminist’s Role

- National Organization for Women (NOW)
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- Pro-Life vs. Pro-Choice Activists
Constant Debate

- Law’s Inconsistency

- Negatively affecting the way women feel about themselves as a person and a woman
If These Walls Could Talk was released in 1996, not too long after abortion rights became legal in most states.

Film focuses on women’s experiences and struggles in dealing with abortions before they became legal – 1990’s portion of the film.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gol9FhL1MIU&feature=related
Personal Reactions

✓ Private Matter
  ✓ “The anti-abortion movement has succeeded only in imposing a temporary brake on long-term historical trends toward increase public acceptance of abortion in early pregnancy…as a private matter in which the state should not interfere”

✓ Anti-abortion movement vs. Abortion movement
  ✷ ≠ Hierarchal system

✓ Consciousness Raising


