

A Look Through History: The Evolution of Abortion Rights

Student Workbook

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Abortion and the Right to Abortion

Complete the text correctly:

Abortion

Abortion is _____ *the termination of a pregnancy* _____.

It can be voluntary or involuntary. In the medical field, some refer to abortion as a termination of pregnancy or a voluntary termination of pregnancy.

An abortion can also be **involuntary and occur naturally**. It may be caused by illness, hormonal issues, or a genetic problem, for example. In these cases, it is often called a miscarriage.

The right to abortion

What is the right to abortion? _____ *It is the ability to choose to terminate a pregnancy voluntarily.* _____

Is there a time limit for having an abortion in Canada? _____ *No.* _____

Provinces regulate medical procedures such as abortion. However, abortion is not legal in all countries. In fact, abortion laws vary from one country to another. Countries that completely prohibit abortion are a minority.

The right to abortion today

Abortion is _____ *free* _____ and _____ *legal* _____ throughout pregnancy. However, some doctors may refuse to perform an abortion if the pregnancy is advanced or if the necessary equipment is not available at the clinic or hospital. In such cases, the doctor is required to assist and refer the pregnant person to other resources.

Good to know! A minor aged 14 or older can consent to an abortion on their own. If they are under 14, they must obtain permission from their parents or guardians. The adults must take the decision that's in the best interest of the child, which means they must consider child's opinion.

Additional Resources

- Abortion: Free and Legal Throughout Pregnancy



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- Abortion for People Under 18



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