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The pro-choice position that abortion denies a woman's choice and increases her freedom assumes that the woman is the only person involved. The position also assumes that she is made better off by the decision. This position denies the facts that the woman herself, the father, and an innocent baby are harmed by the abortion. In addition to these people harmed, abortion also has many terrible consequences for society. Abortion also further decreases the value of human life.

Abortion not only harms the innocent baby, but it also hurts the mother too. Abortion has made women believe that it is morally acceptable kill their own child. Women have suffered from postabortion- syndrome which includes feelings of anxiety, guilt, depression and even thoughts of suicide. Abortion can cause a woman to become sexually promiscuous as she knows if she accidentally get pregnant, she can just abort the baby. This sexually promiscuity put them at more for contracting sexually transmitted diseases. The rise of sexual promiscuity also makes it harder for them to have healthy relationships with men that lead to healthy marriages. Instead of making a woman's life better, abortion could destroy it instead.

The woman is assumed to be the only person impacted by an abortion. I'm not sure how they can deny that a baby is killed given medical evidence that there is indeed a life being created and not just a cluster of cells as pro-abortion supporters claim. Also, they act as if abortion is the only option for a baby that is not wanted by the mother—what about adoption. And, what about the father? There is never any talk of the rights of the father when it comes to abortion.

Abortion also has devastating consequences on society. As society fails to value the sacrament of marriage and believe that sex can freely and happily occur outside of marriage, we will continue to see a decline in those who attend church, increase in sexual promiscuity and overall, the breakdown of the family. As we see fewer and fewer families form, this has devastating effects on our communities with more and more unhappy people resulting increases in drugs, crime, and poverty.

Over the years, abortion has been decreasing the value of human life. Our country's legalization of abortion damages women by communicating to them that it is morally and legally acceptable to take the life of their child. The authors of TAWS note "The unborn baby today enjoys less legal protection than an endangered species of bird in a national forest." Women should not be deceived into thinking that killing their own child is right thing to do if it is not wanted by the mother. If we claim the lives of innocent babies for no good reason, people will stop respecting human life.

Abortion has convinced many people that human life is disposable. A woman's choice to terminate her child not only harms her but the father and society. The pro-choice position denies God's choice and purpose for that child.