I'm a 67-year-old retired educator and I've lived in Iowa all my life.  I'm a wife, mother, grandmother and a Christian with a strong faith. I've always been proud to say I'm from Iowa--until now.  The right for a woman to manage the most personal of decisions--what to do with ***her own***body--is threatened by Governor Reynolds and others as this special session is set to take place on Tuesday. Will my 7-year-old granddaughter grow up in a state which doesn't value her enough to let her ***choose*** when to have a family?  In a state that will threaten her reproductive health, or her health period?  We know illegal abortions, performed in desperation for many different reasons, can kill women.

And what percentage of children born because of unplanned and/or unwanted pregnancies have a happily-ever-after ending?

Please don't take our state down this road of stripping women of the right to make the choice to have a child at the ***RIGHT*** time for herself, her partner, her family.