

This bill is a threat to bodily autonomy and our human rights. Taking away access to medical care will put millions of people at risk, and cause unnecessary harm. Whether or not you believe that life begins at conception is irrelevant. Just as you could not force someone to donate a kidney to save a life, you cannot force someone to donate their uterus to save a fetus. Not to mention, if you do, you are going to put many unwanted children at risk, which is especially horrible considering the state of the foster care system, welfare, and minimum wage in our state and nation. Abortion is a hard choice to make for anyone, and taking away that choice (which a 6 week bill most certainly would) is only going to cause unsafe abortions and dangerous situations for people and the fetus they are forced to carry. 6 weeks is hardly enough time to notice a missed period, and that is if you are completely regular, which many are not. It is intentionally designed that way in order to ensure there is the slimmest chance anyone would be able to catch an accidental pregnancy early enough. This is sick and twisted, and should not be a choice for the government to make.

I believe that women should have access to abortions and reproductive healthcare, point blank period. It should not need to be under extreme circumstances like rape (most rape cases are left unsolved), incest (who would look out for the victim here, especially if they are underage?), and medical emergencies. That being said, those cases will also happen, and these bills can prevent those people from getting help as well. In Texas there have already been many cases of women (who WANTED their pregnancies) having medical emergencies and having to wait until they are in septic shock and about to die before they could get help. Similarly women who have miscarried may also need a procedure to pass the tissue, which would not be allowed under this bill. Without that procedure those women would also get an infection and die.

In fact, my mother had an abortion, when she was 14, years before I was born. She was very poor, had no parents, and an older boy took advantage of her. She got pregnant, and thankfully was able to get an abortion. If she had not, she would almost certainly be in the depths of poverty now, and my family would surely not exist, and if we did we would not be doing well. Punishing women (especially YOUNG women) for their "mistakes" by forcing them to have a child they do not want, is barbaric, and idiotic. If my mother had gone to the adoption agency and asked them if she could adopt a child they would have refused, told her she was unfit. So in what world would forcing that same child to have a baby be logical? If you want to reduce abortions, work on improving healthcare, sex education, and access to contraceptives.

Any way you look at it, this bill will harm and kill many women. It is a misogynistic, classist, and racist power play by our government, and it has no scientific, moral, or logical basis otherwise. If this bill passes, the real "murderer" will be Governor Reynolds and her supporters. The blood and pain of women everywhere will be on your hands.