

As a young girl I found my mother in a pool of blood- she would not tell me what happened or allow me to summon help so I sat with her the entire day afraid that she would die. Years later she explained that she had had an illegal abortion.

This illegal abortion occurred after my father ran off with my mother's best friend leaving us penniless at a time when few women worked outside the home. This left my mother suicidal and poor - she could barely provide for me. I attended twelve schools while we lived with strangers and friends trying to find a way to survive, I never went to doctor or dentist-all this while my father became a world famous scientist.

No one is forcing a woman to have an abortion. Women have a choice to make their own decisions and most will never need one. But, if a woman finds herself in a situation like my mother she does not need a back alley abortion. Look at Savita in Ireland in 2012 to see what could happen to your daughter or your wife when governments take charge of women rights. Her husband and her parents watched her die since she needed an abortion to save her life after her fetus had become non-viable. Women have fought long and hard for equality-we should never give up any of our rights, EVER!

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