

ABORTION AWARENESS



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HELUAB
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Abortion access and care are important to me because as a woman with a uterus, having the right and free will to access resources to support and educate me on how to live a healthy life is a necessity to producing a more prosperous life for many generations to come.

I want to be a mother one day. Therefore, to be able to provide healthy and sustainable motherhood for my future kids one day, it's important as humans to be able to sit down and continue having conversations about how abortion are viewed, perceived, and understood.

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ETHAN
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Abortion care is personal to me because it has an effect on my family and my friends.

The overturning of Roe v. Wade becomes another obstacle which affects their life negatively. It becomes another hardship and as low-income citizens, it stacks.

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Abortion care is important because it provides people with a uterus a chance of agency over their bodies, over their lifestyles, and over their health. I am a Chinese American adoptee and my mom has always been quite vocal about her disapproval of abortion. Now, she's more open because she just understands how horrible the repeal of Roe v. Wade is.

A lot of people try to push me towards this idea that I should advocate for adoption. But, it's never made sense to me. I think that there needs to be awareness encouraged by views that there should be increased access to abortion care in all areas of American society.

I think my gender and adoptee identities impact my perspective the most as an AFAB person. Sometimes, pregnancy can happen beyond our control, and that's very scary. I wish that the world had the compassion to understand that perspective along with other social issue perspectives, and that relates to abortion care and access.

[We should] still be able to have choices beyond just intercourse, [but also] how you want to play out the consequences of that.

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Abortion care is important because the intention behind removing options, access, or education to reproductive healthcare is to oppress women and LGBTQ+ folks, which is further affected by socioeconomic class.

As a person with a vagina, I want to be confident that I have full control of my body and access to the resources to take care of myself. With the overturning of Roe v. Wade, it's been important because our communities are something that I really hold dear to my heart, and something that I found is that many of our experiences are experiences from marginalization.

In order to create a better world, we need to have abortion access.

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A photograph of a young man with a friendly smile, wearing a black baseball cap backwards, an orange t-shirt, and a black backpack. He is standing on a city street with blurred lights and buildings in the background. The image is framed by a white border.

JEFFREY
he/him

I think it's good to know that you have- it's good to know that someone has different options. When it comes to whether that's planned or unplanned, being a parent, it's good to have that type of access to that healthcare.

I think for sure that myself, you, and Hmong people need to know more about it and have access to it and to that type of information. When you only have so few options, it's like one or the other, and that's hard. But, being able to know that you have different options allows us to make better decisions for ourselves.

I personally don't want to birth a baby or even raise a baby. It's not something that I want to choose. And while I'm also queer, I could get pregnant and I don't want to conceive. That's one reason why accessing abortion care is healthcare. I've been lucky to be here in Minnesota where abortion care is pretty accessible in comparison to a lot of other states.

With other clinics closing, states with abortion access like Minnesota are going to be in higher demand so it can be more difficult to get an abortion, and that is definitely something that I am worried and concerned about.

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JACQUELINE
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I am so grateful to have options here in Minnesota to not be pregnant if I don't want to be. We need to stop seeing abortion as an indicator of whether someone is "good" or "bad."

The reality is that abortion is completely normal and necessary.

I think conversations around reproductive justice sometimes come from a very white, middle class lens. Of course, that's not anything new. But what would it look like if Asians and Asian Americans radically reimaged what reproductive care looks like in our communities? And what it looks like to be sex positive as an Asian American, especially Asian American women?

I'm a female biologically and I have a uterus. If something were to develop in there, and if it's impacting my health or my life, then I would want to have a choice on it. Abortion is important. It's needed.

I think for those who might also come from the same background as me, being Asian coming from a Christian household where there's already this huge stereotype for us, I think it might be harder for some of us to ever receive care for it or to have the support for it from family member or even my ethnic community members, too.

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Reproductive health, abortion care and access are really important to me. We should continue to destigmatize these conversations and choices so everyone can receive the proper care, such as having trusted adults in our lives who have comprehensive knowledge on sex, gender and sexualities, and on abortion care.

Young people do not have all the resources and they may be accessing information that stigmatizes them and affects their decisions and well-being. What is important to question and reflect on is how our generation will engage in these discussions that will not create and perpetuate a new generation of people who feels stigmatized, and become less knowledgeable on reproductive health.

To me, abortion access falls under reproductive health care. As someone who chooses to actively not want children, I feel that this choice allows me to have full control of my gender identity towards feeling euphoric towards my gender.

I want everyone to always have accessible and safe options when it comes to their own choices to Reproductive Health Care, and this includes safe access to abortions, particularly in QTBIPOC communities.

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Thank You