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The Right to a Safe and Healthy Birth

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Group 5 Outline

- Introduction to the issue:
 - Equating all humans through process of birth
 - Injustice in birthing process
 - Video
 - Global and local statistics relating to maternal and infant death/care
 - Defining Human rights
 - Right to safe and healthy birth encompassed in human rights
 - Define safe and healthy birth
 - Overview of presentation
 - Introduce Leslie
- America
 - Though they are a developed country, our priorities lead to great maternal death
 - made the least progress since 2000 on maternal and child survival
 - An American woman faces the same lifetime risk of maternal death as a woman in Iran and Romania
 - Only 14 countries in the world made less progress than the US
 - Lack of knowledge among women and healthcare professionals
 - Physiological birth not supported
 - Healthcare difficulties
 - 1 in 5 women of reproductive age lack health insurance
 - Prenatal care not supported with Affordable Care Act
 - There is much more improvement to occur
- India
 - Population Crisis
 - 1970
 - Mass sterilizations
 - The restoration
 - Gender Biased Sex Selection
 - Traditions
 - 832 of every 1000
 - Practical consequences of injustice/discrimination for mothers
 - Viewed as risks
- China
 - One Child Policy
 - Enacted in 1979; Amended later on and now makes certain exceptions
 - Benefits of following the policy and ramifications for not following the policy
 - Rural China- Tibetan Women
 - Traditions concerning sex, pregnancy, and birthing
 - Lack of education and transportation
 - Lack of accessible and viable resources
- Action & Close
 - Summary of all points

- China- one child policy, Tibet- safe pregnancy and birthing
- India- gender selection and abortion
- US- "98% of deaths during pregnancy and childbirth are preventable"
- Solutions
 - Education
 - Policy change
 - Advocacy
- Places to look to get involved
 - reproductiverights.org
 - everymothercountd.org

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