The Right to a Safe and Healthy Birth

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Group 5 Outline

• Introduction to the issue:
  o Equating all humans through process of birth
  o Injustice in birthing process
    ▪ Video
  o Global and local statistics relating to maternal and infant death/care
  o Defining Human rights
    ▪ Right to safe and healthy birth encompassed in human rights
      • Define safe and healthy birth
  o Overview of presentation
  o Introduce Leslie
• America
  o Though the 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
  o Lack of knowledge among women and healthcare professionals
    ▪ Physiological birth not supported
  o Healthcare difficulties
    ▪ 1 in 5 women of reproductive age lack health insurance
    ▪ Prenatal care not supported with Affordable Care Act
  o There is much more improvement to occur
• India
  o Population Crisis
    ▪ 1970
    ▪ Mass sterilizations
    ▪ The restoration
  o Gender Biased Sex Selection
    ▪ Traditions
    ▪ 832 of every 1000
    ▪ Practical consequences of injustice/discrimination for mothers
    ▪ Viewed as risks
• China
  o 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
  o Rural Chinal- Tibetan Women
    ▪ Traditions concerning sex, pregnancy, and birthing
    ▪ Lack of education and transportation
    ▪ Lack of accessible and viable resources
• Action & Close
  o 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
  o Education
  o Policy change
  o Advocacy

• Places to look to get involved
  o reproductiverights.org
  o everymothercountd.org

Reference List


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