

Ethical matters – for most people, as pregnancy progresses, the idea of abortion becomes more and more difficult

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What do we know?

- Nature progresses
- When in the pregnancy do women have abortions?
- Law

Nature progresses

- The fetus develop and become more and more able to live outside the uterus.
- Looks more and more human.

Medical views

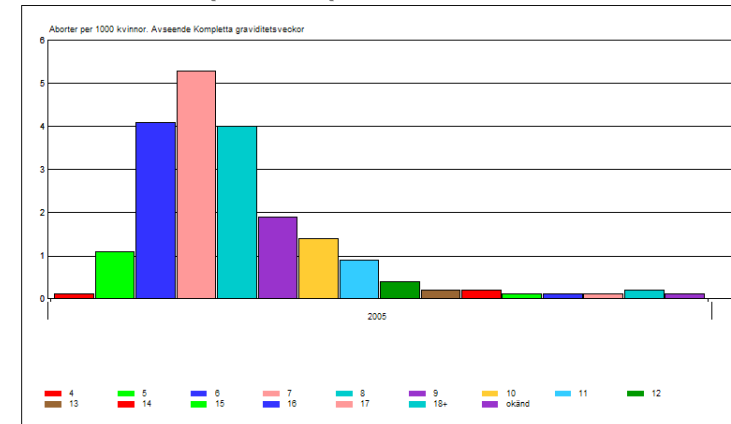
- We never try to stop a delivery after 33 weeks.
- Rescuing babies from 22/24 weeks.
- Some malformed fetuses will never be able to survive outside the uterus (anencephalic etc)

When in the pregnancy do women have abortion?

- When it is not dependent on access problems like: 1. Money, 2. Abortion is illegal, 3. Access problem due to the service being far away
- Will look at Sweden and Norway

Sweden

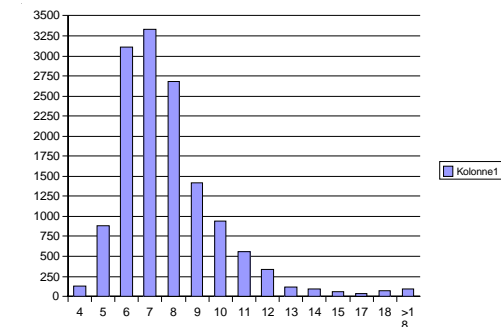
- On demand/request up until 18 weeks



Norway

On demand/request up to 12 weeks after that you have to apply to a commission. Up to 18 weeks the women's opinion is the most important. From 18 weeks only for reasons like maternal health, rape, abnormal fetus

Norway



Law

- A gradually growing right for the fetus
- Generally an upper limit as to when the mother can decide on her own
- When a baby is born it gets its own legal rights.
- Possible legal conflicts after 22-24 weeks of gestation.

Public opinion

- Anti abortion activists
- The general public
- In the case of malformations
- Pro choice

Anti abortion

- They generally use images from 2. trimester, surgical abortion.
- Powerful images that shock and disgust
- An impact on the public opinion

General public

- Generally against abortion as a choice for themselves until they have an unwanted pregnancy
- Those who have an abortion have the same ethical values as those who have not had an abortion

Malformations

- Most laws even the strict ones grant abortion in case of malformation
- A common, and well accepted right in many countries
- In Norway the public debate call women who want to have an abortion in these cases (Down's syndrom) egoistic

Pro choice

- Eg. Norwegian feminist journalist who have fought for pro choice all her life present numerus articles from USA and focus on the «problematic» late abortions. And the problem for the nurses.
- Though she is fully aware of the problem of access as a reason for higher numbers of late abortions.

Always the same arguments

- The arguments in all these cases have the same basic statement
- WOMEN ARE IMORAL and OTHERS/WE should control her choice

MY conclusion

- Prefareably early to late abortions due to medical risks and side effects for the woman
- Thus the fight for good access to abortion is crucial
- Always trus women's ethical abilities