

SHOULD MEN HAVE A SAY?

Whenever the topic of abortion is brought up, men are often dismissed with a line like, "No uterus, no opinion." However, a father should bear the same responsibility for their child as the mother.

As the saying goes,
"It takes two to tango."

When two people make the choice to have sex together, the responsibility for the life they may create falls onto both the man and woman **together**.

When we tell men to shut up about the fate of their children, we are encouraging the idea that women are alone in their struggles. Instead of "My Body, My Choice," we get "Your Body, Your Problem."

The unexpected child should not be put to death due to the mistakes of their parents. The value of human life does not come from the circumstances of one's conception.

We should strive to live in a society where people take responsibility for their decisions — a society that promotes life.

When men support their partners, we create a culture that supports life.



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MEN AND THEIR OPTIONS



WHAT IS ABORTION?

- the **deliberate** termination of a human pregnancy, most often performed during the first 28 weeks of pregnancy

HOW IS ABORTION DONE?

All abortions involve either:

- poisoning or starving a baby to death,
- suctioning a baby apart with a vacuum,
- using forceps to tear a baby apart,
- or forcing a baby into cardiac arrest.

WHEN IS ABORTION NECESSARY?

Never.

- Treatment for an **ectopic pregnancy** is a salpingostomy or salpingectomy.
- Treatment for a **septic uterus** is antibiotics and/or delivery.
- Treatment for a **miscarriage** is delivery or a D&C which is not considered abortion because the child has already died.

IS ABORTION HEALTHCARE?

No.

- The purpose of health care is to restore and maintain proper functioning of the human body. Abortion is the only surgery you are not meant to survive, and the abortion pill is the only pharmaceutical meant to kill a patient who didn't ask for it.

ADOPTION

Sometimes, it is just not possible to care for a child in a healthy way. This could be due to several reasons:

- no support system
- not in committed relationship
- teen parents or younger
- economic instability
- unsafe environment
- education or career goals

Whatever your reason might be for not being ready to be a parent, adoption provides you with the chance to do what is best for your life as well as give your baby the opportunity to have a wonderful future.

Adoption is a life-giving option for your child that will give them the best life possible with prepared parents. You get to choose which household they end up in, and you can even choose to have an open adoption — meaning you will be in contact with your child as they grow. You can even change your mind after seeing your baby at birth.

Adoption gives you the second chance at receiving an education and fulfilling your life goals while creating the opportunity for your child to be raised in a home with a loving family who have always dreamed of becoming parents.

ADOPTION RESOURCES:

New Life Adoptions

www.NewLifeAdopt.com
(281) 955-1001

Upbring

www.Upbring.org
(512) 459-1000

Christian Homes Family Services

www.ChristianHomes.com
1 (800) 592-4725

PCHAS Adoption

www.PCHAS.org
(713) 522-2800

Angel Adoption

www.AngelAdoptionInc.com
1 (866) 907-2915

DePelchin Children's Center

www.depelchin.org
(713) 582-7129

FATHERHOOD

Becoming a parent to a child is one of life's greatest responsibilities. Fathers need to make a commitment to both the mother and child to be a dependable support system on which to rely.

While fatherhood is the most challenging option, it often yields the best results for both you and your family. Becoming a father is the quickest way for a boy to become a man. A child puts life into perspective, enabling you to see what's truly important.

WHERE DO I START?

1. Make a commitment.

Your partner and child need you more than anything. Make the commitment that you'll be there for them even when times get tough. Even if you don't marry the mother of your child, you still need to commit to being in your child's life.

2. Lead with love and grace.

Good leaders set healthy examples for their child to follow. Never let your love for them change based on how they behave; your love should be unconditional.

3. Spend the time.

Always make time for your family and be there for them for those important moments. Your child needs to know you can be depended on.

4. Watch out for danger.

As a parent, it is your responsibility to protect your family from any and all danger. That includes physical, emotional, and spiritual threats.

5. Break the mold.

If your father taught you bad habits, make the effort to change that for the betterment of future generations.

6. Work through failure.

You will not be perfect. You will make mistakes. When you do something wrong, apologize — even to your child if they were hurt by you. Remember the mistake and correct it moving forward. As long as you're trying, you're on the right track.