

# Abortion: parental consent

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Abortion's: Parental Consent " In many areas of the U. S., youths who have not reached their 18th birthday have the right to seek medical and mental health treatment without their parent's or guardians knowledge or consent." (www. positive. org) Why does a fact like this carry so much controversy. Everyday a woman gets pregnant. When a woman gets pregnant, it can either be the happiest of times or a time when a huge cloud of confusion comes over her. If that woman decides that having a baby is not the right thing for her, do you think that it should be her decision and only her decision, no matter what age, if she would like to have the baby or not? It was once said that " if a young woman has decided to become sexually active, then she should be allowed to decide whether to have an abortion and whether to choose to involve her parents in the decision about an abortion." (www. choice. org) You might be asking yourself, why the controversy with this topic? It is not just the controversy of this topic that causes such a debate, but it is just the topic at hand. The pros of such a topic obviously involve personal choice. Even though a woman has chosen to have sex, it does not mean in anyway that this woman should not also have the choice to make all necessary decisions about the consequences that having sex brings along. This choice should be the choice of the woman and of the man, parental consent should mean nothing. But should parental consent always mean nothing? " Parents must give consent before their child can have their ears pierced or a tattoo put on. In fact, in public schools and emergency rooms, parents must give consent before their child can be treated with so much as an aspirin. Most voters agree that it is outrageous to allow a child to undergo any surgical procedure, let alone an invasive,

irreversible procedure such as an abortion, without parental notification." (www.us today.com) When reading a quote like this, doesn't a little or even big part of your opinion tend to shift a little bit more towards the supporting side of parental involvement? It is true that women under the age of 18 must get parental consent for all of those little things. But when a huge thing, like becoming pregnant comes along, parental consent is one of the main issues that comes to mind for that pregnant individual. It is almost scary to think of a teenager making a huge decision or whether or not to have a baby without some parental involvement. But the big question is whether or not it should be involvement or consent? After hearing a little bit of the pros and cons of parental consent in abortions, can you say to yourself that you are sold on either side? It is too hard to be completely sold on one side or the other. Both sides bring completely reasonable opinions. But the main factor that breaks up the two opinions, is that fact that you can't really make a 100% clear decision about having parental consent in an abortion until you are in that position. Hopefully it doesn't come to that point, but do you think that you should keep an open mind and stay neutral until proven otherwise? It's not like having an abortion is an easy thing to go through at all. If a young woman feels that having her parents decide is the best option for her, then that's what she wants. But if the woman decides that she would like to keep her parents in the dark about being pregnant in the first place, then that should also be her decision. It all comes down to one thing, the woman has obviously had sex, let her and the man make all the decisions that come along with that choice. Parents will always be there for their children, but not to always make decisions for them.