

MORAL VIEW OF THE HUMAN LIFE VALUE

INTRODUCTION

The interruption is and probably always will be discussed topic. There will always be someone who will (dis)agree with abortions. But mostly everyone has own opinion for the decision.

In this essey we will find out what an interruption is and what are the methods of it. Then we will see how it looks like when are laws restrictive or not now and in the history. And what that means for a mother and child.

There is a part where we can see an evolution of abortions and unwanted pregnancies during the years and what the expectations are for the future.

The most imporant part of the essay if there is an ethical attitude of the countries in the world and what should countries do to safe the most of human lifes – not just a baby, but also a woman.

In the end we should realise that the best attitude is completed by both of the views. It is important to protect everyone who needs the protection, but also leave the right for making own decisions for each of one.

We can give an advice, we can talk about a problem with everybody, but we must let everybody to make a final decision on his own.

WHAT IS INTERRUPTION?

It is discontinuation of evolution of unborn child. But if we say the discontinuation, that means that we possibly could continue later. But not in this case. The interruption is irreversible act. (Frank, 2012)

Interruption is one of the most questionable issues on the world. People used to rely on the law when they need to figure it out what is the best solution for unexpected pregnancy.

Lawyers have to follow the law not to care about the ethics, even if the law is pointless and straightforward. What can a lawyer even say about ethics of abortion? Nothing. They just say that woman is autonomous segment (Hewson, 2001).

According to the Board of the National Abortion Federation the interruption is a moral act which respects patient's autonomy and reduces the pain. In the way the woman comes to the doctor for help, even if she is or is not pregnant, he is obligatory to protect, support and defend health and welfare of the patient (NAF, 2011).

Not so distant history...

In 2015 the human fetus was still biological waste if it had around half of a kilogram or was until 22th week of evolution then it could be banished in hospital incinerator. This was the view of Czech law. In that year, if parents did not ask for ordinary funeral for their dead newborn child until four days, the newborn life ended up also in hospital incinerator. Ethical view and law view was totally different, because each of views still has own opinion what is human life.

If the woman got a birth to the child which had less than half of a kilogram, she had no right to ask for ordinary funeral in 2015. This rule was changed and the final decision is more sensitive to mourning parents nowadays (Koubová, 2015).

The main dispute is usually evaluate if the human embryo is the human from the fusion of sperm with egg or from the specific stage of pregnancy (Frank, 2012).

Juristic viewpoint

According to the article no. 6 of the law no. 2/1993 Coll., Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms says: „Everybody has a right for life. Human life has to be protected before the birth. No one has to be getting rid of the life“ (zákon č. 2/1993 Sb., 2021). That means no one can decide to end up the pregnancy. Interruption as a medical action, can be carried out according to the law no. 66/1986 Coll. Of the Czech national council for abortion. This law states that the discontinuation of pregnancy can be done until 12th week. A pregnant woman under the age of 16 has to have a parental consent. The medical interruption is legal according to the juristic viewpoint.

Types of interruptions

Opponents of interruption have different opinions on the types of medical interruptions. There are two available attitudes – a surgical or chemical interruption in professional literature. Surgical or mechanical interruption can be divided into curettage

and suction by pump. Chemical interruption contains hormonal medical contraception or abortive contraception.

The chosen type of interruption depends on stage of pregnancy and on choice of pregnant woman.

It is recommended to use mix of interruption methods during and after 16th week of pregnancy. A late interruption is used for reduction in the number of embryos or for Caesarean section of undeveloped child.

Interruption Reasons

No scientist, philosopher or educator can say that interruption is a good thing. Interruption is evil, on the other side sometimes the interruption is the way to avoid to even worse evil. There is always a side of mother and of the unborn child.

Threat for a mother

The new born child can change the quality of the life of the parents. The small flat, low age of the mother or father, a lack of money, absence of partner, poverty etc. are the reasons of the low life quality of the parents.

Mother's or child's life threat can end in death each of them.

Sometimes mother refuse unborn child after the rape by a child's father.

Threat for a child

The most usual reason for interruption is medical disease of the unborn child. Mostly the doctors can't say for sure that the child will be sick. There is question if the parents get rid of the unborn child for the „child's good“ or for their own comfort (Frank, 2012).

Both of these sides should have a right

These two attitudes are called „for life“ and „for choice“ in United States. But not both of the attitudes think about the human zygote as a thing and care about the fact that pregnancy is a life community where one side is connected with the other one – mother is connected with the unborn child and also the unborn child is connected with mother. The child's right for life is not deduced from the mother-child connection, it is deduced from the (un)favorable prenatal medical results. If we see mother and the unborn child as a two different and separated things than the responsibility for the future human being is not deduced from the mother-child's clasp, but it is deduced from moral status of the zygote. This is called pregnancy conflicts, where are two different claims and opinions of the mother and of the unborn child. Prenatal diagnostic and possibility of reproduction medicine also help to maintain this attitude – the zygote is created in Petri dish. It evokes a proprietary feeling in parents or doctors (Huber, 2016).

Ann Furedi claims that it does not matter when or if we indicate an embryo as a human but if the embryo deserves our respect and if we give to this life any value (Hewson, 2001).

The human development or the development into the human

When the human being is the human, is the most inflected question. It can be the phase of the sperm and egg's fusion, or settlement down in womb during the fifth to the eighth pregnancy day, or the brain formation during the third month, or the ability of living, or the birth, or the life phase when the personality is making.

Jürgen Habermas demanded to approach to the embryo as to the second person – that means the person who I can label as „him“ or „her“. That means he expect that the embryo is going to develop into the human (Huber, 2016).

Opinion of scientists

Interruption followers claim that conjunction of sperm and egg is not a human yet, because of not developed organs etc. They define birth as a opposite to death, that means human is not alive before the birth.

On the other side interruption opponents argue that the human zygote is complete after conjunction of sperm and egg and it is just growing now. The grow don't stop after the birth, it continues. Biologists understand that completed zygote has a genetic information about the color of hair and eyes, sex of the human and the whole evolution of this human life is decided. This is why the fertilized eggs of special bird species are under state protection, while the human zygote do not have this law protection.

Etical or religious oppinion

The sixth of the ten commandments says „you don't kill“ so the Christian attitude against interuption is clear.

For Christian deem the religion and the mission by the Got as more important than developing medical knowledge. Christians as Jews and Muslims belive human life is a human even in form of zygote. Also they belive that even a handicaped or crippled human has his own place in social world.

„Human fetus reacted to the God's voice before birth“. – Lukas 1,44

As we can read in bible, it shows that God is speaking to human which is not out of the mother's womb (Frank, 2012).

Everybody has a right to care, make a decisions and formulate his own life – that is his justice and freedom (Huber, 2016).

Extremistic Christians are often conected to fight against abortions, however hardly anybody knows that the origin of abortions in America is because of active religious ecclesiastic who tried to ensure a safe health care and safe abortions for women before more than 50 years. And this important history is forgotten as the „for life“ organization, which tries to boycott abortions, consists of the Protestant Christians and Extreme Catholics (Parker, 2019).

ANALYSIS

In 2015 there was carried out 35 724 of interruptions. Induced abortions constituted more than 57 % of them.

The next year in there was carried out 35 921 of interruptions. Induced abortions constituted more than 56 % of them. The whole number of interruptions was higher then year before, on the other side a percent of the induced abortions was lower.

During another year there was carried out 35 012 of interruptions. Induced abortions constituted more than 55 % of them. As we can see number of all interruptions declines as the percent of induced abortions during the years.

In 2018 there was carried out 32 952 of interruptions. Induced abortions constituted more than 55 % of them. The number of all interruptions declines, the percent of induced abortions is the same as last year.

A year later in 2019 there was carried out 31 797 of interruptions. Induced abortions constituted more than 55 % of them.

The conclusion is that the average decrease of number of interruptions is 981,75 per year during these years. (ÚZIS, 2021)

The number of unwanted pregnancies is higher in the countries where a medical abortion is illegal and the number is lower in the countries where a medical abortion is available. An evolution of the unwanted pregnancies which ended in abortion has a shape of small sinusoid. During the 90' the number of unwanted pregnancies which ended in abortion was 51 %, then after 2000 the number declined a little bit.

There was around 121 millions of unwanted pregnancies every year between 2015 and 2019 and around 61 % of them ended in abortion. That means that every year it is 73 millions abortions.

The percent of the abortions is almost the same for last 30 years. However the number of unwanted pregnancies declined. The result is the number of abortions declines too. (Gutmacher, 2020)

There is a question for what reason...

The resultes show there is more people now than ever, who are in the ages of reproduction, who are able to limit „making babies“. It is possible that some individual people are motivated to not get pregnant with unwanted child thanks to the access to services which is so stable and people can rely on it.

The decline of the rate of the unwanted pregnancies is unexpected, because of the better access to the contraception pills or access to the services, which support planning pregnancies, do not promises the decline of the unwanted pregnancies.

On the other side as we know young women are starting to avoid to the contraception pills, it is trend to keep the body clear and the research shows that very widespread

contraception pills brings about the inability to get pregnant nowadays, especially after 20 years of using the contraception pills. So maybe they are starting to rely on the other options for avoiding to pregnancy. But sometimes it comprises the alternative medicines or pullout methode, when man tries to avoid insemination into woman's vagina. However both of these methods are not as reliable as the pills. So we can expect to increase the number of unwanted pregnancies in the future.

Analysis can not rate with the abortion which were done at home using the available abortion drugs as a misoprostol or mifepriston, because these abortions have not to be written into medical records. That means the number of abortion could be higher than the statistic analysis shows (Bearak, 2020).

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„Doctors waited and the pregnant woman died“

Anti-abortion law is blamed for the death of the thirty years old mother who died to septic shock. Poland law do not allow to end up the pregnancy before the death of the unborn child. When the pregnant woman found out she lost her amniotic fluid, she and doctors could not do anything else than to wait for the death of the unborn child. The pregnant woman was afraid of the septic shock, but she trusted the doctors. They could not do anything even if they were afraid of the woman's life, because of the restrictive abortion law. After the death of the unborn child, the woman also died a day later in the hospital. Two lives are over because of the law. (Harzer, 2021)

(II) legal abortions?

It is confusing that dangerous complications of the illegal interruptions cause the death for the pregnant women (Hewson, 2001). OSN promised to implement one of the developing aims as a „improving maternal health“ in 2000 (Ackerman, 2017). Interruptions brought about 13 % of the total number of women's death in 2001 (Hewson, 2001). More than 20 years later we see that unavailability of legal and safe abortions is still the crisis on the world – there is around 22 500 to 44 000 dead pregnant women just because of the unsafe abortions. That means these deaths constitute 8 – 18 % of all the pregnant women's deaths in 2014 (Ackerman, 2017). As we can see it is wasting the woman's life.

Is better to be just a woman or a mother?

Health and choices of the women are often managed by state, professionals in medicine, interest groups and social organizations who are trying to comply the personal, social, political or professional ideas of themself.

Somethimes women are pushed to the interruption because of the society. Women have not the same rights as men. Young women are not able to get a job today, because the employer expects that she is going to have a baby soon. Somethimes it goes so far that women do not date with other sex or share about the possibility of having a boyfriend. They are afraid of the consequences for her job. The employers try to get rid of the pregnant woman in some companies, even if it is not ethical at all and the pregnant woman has to chose for example because of the rest of family which need to be donated etc (Hewson, 2001).

Is the attitude to the interruption etical in the Czech Republic and other countries?

In the Czech Republic there is more benevolent law than in other countries. It is not just about Poland, where the access to the interruption is very difficult. There are countries where interruption is strictly prohibited and the main reason for the prohibition is religion etc.

That does not mean that the opinion of the Czech Republic would support the interruptions. Actually, women have a right for medical examinations during the pregnancy

and she is under medical control for the whole time. So the Czech Republic try to support to giving a birth.

It is very well known in the Czech Republic that if the woman did not have an access to the legal medical interruption, she would find the solution in the way when she could hurt or kill herself (Bernardová, 2021).

In case when United states of America supports the anti interruption law and organizations which fight against inducted abortions on the one side. Also they stop to finance humanitarian organization which try to provide a medical abortion, but there is Texas (as the state of the United states) who started with the preparations for the new anti-abortion law on the other side. There should be an awareness that cutting off from the health care can destroy more than „just“ one life in womb (Parker, 2019).

CONCLUSION

It is important to decide when interruption is ethical and when it is necessary for saving another life. We can not say that interruption is good thing, but it is not a bad thing everytime. It depends.

Numbers of the interruptions are unbelievably high, they are always high. Even if there was only one human being on the world who died because of the abortion, it is too much. Cause it is so insignificant death.

The women should be wise and free to make a decision for themselves. Every woman is able to say for sure what she would do if she was pregnant. Eventually every man can say what he would do if his partner was pregnant. However everybody acts differently if it is here – right now.

From religion or science side abortion is ethical in different way, but they supply each other.

“Science investigates; religion interprets. Science gives man knowledge, which is power; religion gives man wisdom, which is control. Science deals mainly with facts; religion deals mainly with values. The two are not rivals. They are complementary. Science keeps religion from sinking into the valley of crippling irrationalism and paralyzing obscurantism. Religion prevents science from falling into the marsh of obsolete materialism and moral nihilism.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

The people are fighting for the democracy. Especially today people gets a vaccine and some of them shout they do not want to be pushed into it, because they should have a choice as it is a democracy. Why the people do not give a democratic choice to the pregnant women?

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