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If you made a mistake, (and who hasn't)- have the baby and give him/her up for adoption. There are thousands of people in the world looking for children to raise. I certainly DO NOT believe it is the 'right' of the mother to get rid of the problem. The problem she should have gotten rid of was the action that put that baby there.

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