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I strongly support a constitutional amendment to enshrine the right to abortion (the right for women to control their own reproduction), as well as the right for people to obtain family planning and contraception services without State government interference.

I've known women who have had abortions, and in many cases it allowed them to have healthy, successful, productive lives that they otherwise would not have had. Their reasons and situations varied, but in all cases the need was great.

Throughout my teen and adult life until recently, Roe v. Wade was considered precedent and the law of the land. All people were free to live "normal" sexual lives without fear that an unwanted or unsafe pregnancy would ruin their lives. This resulted in an element of increased equality between the sexes, which improved interpersonal relationships, and allowed women to have careers outside the home.