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Texas House Bill 1280 Analytical Paper

Abortion is an unfortunate event that one should hope never happens to them. Although in the instance where an abortion would be necessary, Texas has one of the strictest, if not the strictest laws regarding the procedure. **Problem: Why does Texas have extremely strict abortion laws that prevent care for thousands of its citizens?** I used to live in the State of California, which definitely had its flaws, but there was definitely not any lack of abortion care present to a female if need be. After the overturn of Roe vs. This became a widespread public issue because the Supreme court struck down the federal law to give states the power to make their own decisions regarding abortion. This prompted Texas to make very harsh laws for abortion, which is why it is my issue.

Issue Areas:

- What is the main cause driving people to get an abortion, and why are they so prevalent?
- Why are people only entitled to an abortion if an examining physician determines that a pregnant person's life is in danger?
- Why is the date to get an abortion in Texas only up to the six week period, and not any longer?
- Why is there no exceptions for Rape or Incest?
- What can be done to prevent pregnancy and reduce the need for abortion in Texas? These questions will be answered with suggested solutions in the following paragraphs.

Solutions:

People are mainly getting pregnant due to a lack of contraceptives used during sexual intercourse. They therefore resort to abortion to prevent having a child as a final form of birth control. Although it is known contraceptives including birth control, condoms, IUDs, etc. are highly effective to prevent pregnancy, and when used properly they are proven to be about 99% effective. When these contraceptives are not used however, this is when a child has a much higher chance of being conceived through pregnancy, and with the new Bill 1280, if there is not a life endangered during the female's pregnancy, that child will be born. This is obviously a harsh reality, but the easiest solution to this to not make it an issue is the proper use of contraceptives. There is not a lack of available ways to get these products, especially condoms as they are typically available at any pharmacy, grocery store, or gas station nearby. This is a major