

Post- module assignment - Assignment

Compare and analyse in 200-300 words the different laws for abortion between India and any other country. You can use this site for reference: <https://reproductiverights.org/worldabortionlaws>

At the end of the 19th century, almost every country legally restricted abortion. The main source of these laws is the imperial European countries — Britain, France, Portugal, Spain, and Italy — which imposed their laws on the colonies to prohibit abortion. In the 1970s, the United States was one of the first countries to decriminalize abortion laws, as well as several Western European countries. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Roe v. Wade* that the Constitution guarantees women's right to abortion. The abortion laws in the United States are very rigid and restrictive because the country is primarily focused on the rights of the child before birth and largely disregards the risks to mental health and bodily integrity. If the pregnancy continues to endanger the health or life of the woman giving birth, most countries/regions allow abortion.

Taking into account the rights of prenatal children it is also considered to terminate the pregnancy due to fetal abnormalities. However, in cases of emotional sensitivities and psychologically disturbing situations, such as pregnancy due to rape and incest, termination of pregnancy should be permitted, as this can harm the mental health of pregnant women. Otherwise, it will be unfair to the victim of rape/incest.

Since 2000, 29 countries have amended abortion laws, and all countries except Nicaragua have expanded the legal basis for women's access to abortion services. Last year alone, Ireland passed a referendum to legalize abortion, and South Korea's Supreme Court declared that the country's ban on abortion was unconstitutional. Most countries have taken measures to expand the facilities and scope of abortion while some countries, including El Salvador, Poland, and the United States, are developing guidelines to tighten restrictions.