

PETITION: CALL FOR DIALOGUE AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE LIBERALIZATION ON THE CURRENT ABORTION ACT IN NAMIBIA



✓ **RE: Petition to Liberalize the Abortion Law in Namibia**

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this petition is to express a collective plea to liberalize the current abortion law in Namibia as well as to express the importance of what this liberalized law would mean in Namibia and for Namibian women and girls. In order for radical social change to take place in Namibia, myself (Beauty Boois) and civil society organisations as a collective, have assembled to share and propose our current demands so that the issue can be prioritized and considered accordingly.

Liberalizing the current abortion law in Namibia would uphold women's Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights (SHRR), prevent and reduce illegal and unsafe abortions, give Namibian women autonomy over their own bodies, prevent unnecessary deaths and maternal morbidity which reduces costs on women and on the health care system which is already burdened with challenges, and possibly alleviate the issue of baby dumping in our country. It is our intention to open the dialogue and to explore how the Abortion and Sterilization Act of South Africa (1975) which Namibia currently operates under can be revised in order to address our collective concerns.

THE PETITION:

It instils a deep sense of pride and faith in the Namibian government to know that the voices of Namibian citizens are heard and our problems considered open-mindedly. The purpose of this petition is to express a collective plea to liberalize and ratify the current abortion law in Namibia as well as to display and prove, by way of a petition, that thousands of Namibians, Namibian women in particular, have a similar desire. As equal citizens of Namibia with Human Rights, we deserve to be heard and to practice autonomy, agency and choice over our own bodies.

Not only are Namibian women and girls left without a choice but to break the law in order to exercise a right to their reproductive status, but they are also risking their lives, health and wellbeing in order to obtain illegal unsafe abortions. This puts the health of Namibian women at serious risk: about 500 women die every year as a result of illegal, unsafe abortions. The state's lack of adequate provision for Post-Abortion Care (PAC) for example, which would still result in criminalizing women, adding onto the threat against their wellbeing posed by Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the country, all alludes and confirms that Namibia is unsafe for women to practice their right to self-determination and freedom, as stipulated in our Constitution.

In order for the Namibian Government to consider and truly prioritize access to safe abortion care and post-abortion care, civil society is required to start the dialogue and propose the call for this much needed dialogue that concerns and centers the Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Justice of Namibian women and girls.

It is our conviction that the right to access safe and legal abortion in Namibia should be accompanied by a prolonged national program and campaign that supplements the phasing out of a newly amended Abortion Act such as: Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights sensitization (SRHR), Comprehensive Sexuality Education training (CSE), Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) training and programs, Values Clarification Inductions as well as further sensitization on consent, baby dumping and the promotion of stigma-free Family Planning methods that educate young women on the various methods and regulatory use of contraceptives. Psycho-Social support or the strengthening thereof will also need to be implemented in to further empower women who are considering or have undergone safe abortions to make well informed decisions to freely practice their rights and freedom of bodily integrity.

Human Rights Activist, Rosa Namises, expressed enthusiasm about abortion rights in an interview with Confidante Newspaper in 2019, stating that women should have the right to control their own wombs and we vehemently agree with her statements and continue to stand behind them.

Namibia is currently operating under the **Abortion and Sterilization Act of South Africa (1975)** which was developed, inherited and enforced during the apartheid era and has currently been repealed in South Africa, forty years later, with teen girls as young as twelve years old who can access safe abortion on request without consent from their parents or a guardian. This is an indication that the Act was never socio-economically feasible for women and girls, and

definitely shows that Namibia has done nothing to amend an Act that would liberate vast rural communities as they stand to benefit the most should safe abortion care be available.

We hope that a new Act can be developed for Namibians, considering the economic, social and political climate of the country and that this petition results in an adequate bill for consideration and further amendments by the Parliamentary Standing Committee and that the annulment or liberalization of this Act be instituted in Namibia so that Namibian women can take full ownership of their reproductive rights and practice autonomy over their own bodies.

**DEMANDS/SUGGESTED REVISION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ABORTION
AND STERILIZATION ACT OF SOUTH AFRICA (1975)**

1. Parliamentary discussion and review of current pre-independence abortion law;
2. Development of a new progressive Abortion Bill that consolidates civil society and institutional voices and advocacy;
3. Development of a Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) Program and Campaign that holistically considers the socio-economic and political impact that a new amended abortion bill would cause, supplemented by the: Comprehensive Sexuality Educational Curriculum, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Training, Post-Abortion Care Contraceptives Information Package and Family Planning.
 - The Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) program will look at the current maternal morbidity and mortality rate as related to unsafe abortions with a comparative analysis to countries who have legalized or expanded their abortion laws.
 - CAC program will establish the economic burden unsafe abortion has on our health system.
 - CAC program will establish the economic barriers women face to access safe abortion care even in countries with legal abortion in order for Namibia's program to be more responsive, progressive and comprehensive.

- CAC program will identify and establish a network of partnerships that could intervene on launching a pilot phase on the new amended bill to ensure that transition gradually occurs as other forms of social inductions intervene, and to allow room for capacity building of health practitioners and the health care systems.
 - CAC will estimate and propose a national interim budget to procure the necessary abortion resources as per the World Health Organization recommended standards.
 - CAC program will aim to establish mobile or remote clinics for abortion related matters to respond swiftly and promptly to women who need to access to contraceptives or a safe abortion.
 - CAC will conduct national periodic dialogue and interventions to educate women, men and the public on the importance of responsible sexual behaviour which will be supported by a CSE curriculum and SRHR trainings.
 - CAC will establish networks with traditional leaders and churches to create a curriculum that is faith-conscious but emphasizes the fundamental human rights of women and girls in order to bridge differences.
4. National Values Clarification Dialogue to bridge the common myths and misconceptions on abortion that will address abortion stigma which might prevent women and girls from seeking safe legal abortion.
5. Expand the legalization of the current abortion act to include:
- Abortion to be performed and procured by medical doctors, mid-level health care providers such as nurses and midwives, and any health practitioner that can be trained to perform these abortions;
 - Women and girls from the age of 15 to access abortion upon request without parental and guardian consent;
 - The right to terminate an abortion of up to 28 weeks, and;
 - The inclusion of trans and queer bodies whose gender identity and sexual orientation would be met with more stigma and for their reproductive rights to be affirmed.

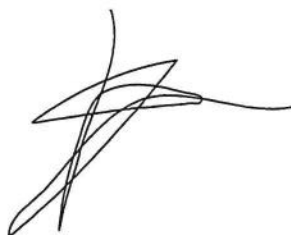
6. The procurement of contraceptives that last longer for women in rural areas who do not have direct and immediate access to a health facility or health practitioner

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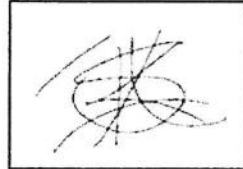


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Letter: Greetings,
Legalize Abortion in Namibia

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Xavier Neidel	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I believe in pro choice, everyone should be entitled to make a decision whether they want to be a parent as of now or not."
Beatrix Boots	Ongwediva, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women should have full autonomy over their bodies. Women should have right to decide over their reproductive systems."
Irma Ndjuluwa	Ongwediva, Namibia	2020-06-11	"♦♦♦♦"
Pelagia Joseph	Nkurenkuru, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women need ownership of their bodies!"
Panduleni Nakapunda	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women should be have the freedom to do whatever they want with their bodies."
Hilma Kadhepa	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"People have abortions all the time. Legalising it, provides safe access avoiding preventable injuries & deaths. It is a patronising law that disadvantages poorer people."
Celeste Kamerika	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-11	"My body my right #♦"
Albertina Shaamena	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Access to healthcare is a human right. Medical procedures shouldn't be determined or limited by what society deems morally correct, as morality in itself is a subjective matter. Refusing women access to safe and legal medical solutions especially concerning their reproductive health and all or it entails, means refusing women's (human) rights, their freedom to choice and autonomy. Legalizing abortion means granting everyone the basic right to decide when and whether to have children. Legalize abortion."
Yasmine Dausas	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I'm tired of the Namibian government telling its women they do not have autonomy over their bodies unless it is violated!"
Johns Maiba	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I'm signing because there has been an increase in baby dumping"
Kandjumbwa Johanna	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Its overdue, its health care. Its a right"
Likius Hashikutuva	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I support the movement"
Ruth Chunga	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I am tired of the way women do not have autonomy over their bodies, and how violent the law is against them.i would like for every woman to have access to free and safe and accessible abortions all over namibia, for their safety."

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Craig Skeffers	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women should be able to choose what they do with their bodies."	Gervano Jensen	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Namibian Women have the right to choose whether they want an abortion or not!"
Olivia Haludulu	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"It's time!"	Sigourney Gases	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Our bodies, our choice. Girls are risking their lives for babies they don't want, babies are being dumped by mother's that don't want them/and can't care for them."
Evander January	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"It's a her body"	Filipus Ashipala	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I want abortion to be legalized in Namibia"
Jody Straus	Gobabis, Namibia	2020-06-11	"A womans body, a womans choice"	Joyce Max	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I fuckinh want to"
Victoria Shikongo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I am tired of hearing about baby dumpings and unsafe abortion methods females engage in."	Angel Mziray	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-11	"To legalize abortion in Namibia because it is the woman's body so it's her choice 🍀"
Eben-Ezer Sheetekela	Namibia	2020-06-11	"Her body. Her choice."	Thuto Aphiri	Johannesburg, South Africa	2020-06-11	"PRO CHOICE!!!!"
Kornelia Edward	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Our bodies,our choice"	Marco Aceto	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"It is needed."
Desideria Gideon	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Too many young woman out there giving birth to babies they did not plan and cannot afford to give them a good standard of living thus leading to dumping them or end up taking their own lifes"	Charne Hahn	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-11	"#MYBODYMYCHOICE!!!!"
Masego Masemene	Grahamstown, South Africa	2020-06-11	"I am simply pro-choice"	Winslau Samaria	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"It is the right thing to do!"
Okeri Kajivena	Oshakati, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women need to be given the right if the want to keep a baby or not"	Vitura Kakujaha	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Woman have the right to choose wether or not they want to keep it"
Uatjiri Mbaisa	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"We have a right!!!!"	Stephen Angula	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"A woman's body is hers and hers alone."
Edith Wasserfall	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Abortions will happen regardless of it being legal or not in this country. Making it illegal just makes it more dangerous and forces people to resort to methods that are not medically safe. Let's make it safe and hygienic for those who need or want to go through with this procedure."	Veronica Muinjo	Ojjiwarongo, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women have a right to their bodies"
Vernon Van Wyk	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"It's about time"	Dee Conradie	Namibia	2020-06-11	"Those who do get abortions, get it because of various reasons. She doesn't have to validate her reasons. It's her body, her choice."
Davina Matatias	Walvis Bay, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I want abortion to be legalized"	Jaydee Esau	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"It's the right thing to do, also the rates of kids thats being thrown away will reduce also child abuse will be reduced."
Afi Gowases	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"My body my choice!"	Ricky Kompeli	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Woman have right to decide what happens with their own bodies and we can't keep denying it"
Uetuzemburukisa Uatjua	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"For the girl child!!! She should have the right to choose."	Mike Coxlong	Walvis Bay, Namibia	2020-06-11	"It should be a human right. Not everyone can afford a child or take care of one. Rather end it there before dumping a baby."
Tia Albes	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women should have control over what happens in their bodies"				

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Anna Ruwodo	Zimbabwe	2020-06-11	"Abortion should be a choice"	Saara Ndahafa Shwilo	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I am pro-choice"
Angie Camille	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women should have the choice with their bodies."	Kaleni Handunge	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I want too."
Zayanah Xoagus	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I believe that abortion should be legalised in Namibia as I feel that it is every woman's right to choose how and when they have children, so that they do not have to abandon their ambitions in order to care for children they were not ready to have."	Victoria Welama	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Continuing with a pregnancy or not should be a woman's choice."
December Gross	Atlanta, Georgia, US	2020-06-11	"It's her body!"	Nestor Shoongo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I'm signing because abortion isn't a crime but a human right"
Sarita Walker	Hayward, California, US	2020-06-11	"Women have a right to do what we want with our bodies."	Johanna Sheya Sheya	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Unsafe abortions happen anyway, so why not legalize them. So girls, ladies and women can have the option of safe abortions"
Chantay Herunga	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I believe everything women has a choice."	Elizabeth Nathinge	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Abortion is part of health care. Decisions like these should not be dictated by religion or by a man. Women should be able to abort cells to prevent an unwanted pregnancy and possible baby dumping. There are a lot of people that are not financially stable and cannot take care of a child. Sex is a natural act, it is what human beings do."
Pehovelo Katamba	Swakopmund, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I honestly, why not? why can't people have the option to have a safe abortion when they aren't ready to have a baby, and let's not act like condoms and other contraceptives always work. let the people have an option to safe abortions"	Tacky Zauana	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"This will reduce the dumping of babies that are born alive. Is better to abort than dumping an innocent baby."
Rosanna Anton	Karibib, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I'm signing this petition because i think it is important for women to have this choice "	Lebohang Manzini	Johannesburg, South Africa	2020-06-11	"My body, my choice."
Helao Ndjadila	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"The criminalisation of abortion makes a mockery of the equal status"	Adrienne Barth	Namibia	2020-06-11	"Women are dying from the use of illegitimate aborting methods. Not all women want children. Women should have a choice. We are in 2020, yet women's bodies are still up for discussion. Legalizing abortion will make women's lives easier. How can an unborn human have more rights than a living human. We are tired of this fight. Whether it is illegal, it is happening. WE HAVE BEEN SCREAMING FOR YEARS! LISTEN TO US! LEGALIZE ABORTION!"
Anja Maria Pirker	South orange, New Jersey, US	2020-06-12	"PRO CHOICE"	Ayanda Ginindza	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I believe that an abortion is part of health care. Women should be allowed the opportunity to a safe and health abortion."
Ngumeritza Karuombe	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"To help abortion in Namibia"	Ndinleao Myernwatya	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"Your body. Your choice !!! Because circumstances differ from person to person.Period."
Nashlongweshipwe Mushaandja	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Amandia"	Loide Sakaria	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"I want abortion legalization"
Mercia Kandukira	Binghamton, New York, US	2020-06-12	"Abortion should be a personal choice."	Tuapeua Kauaria	US	2020-06-11	"The freedom for a woman to decide what happens with/to her body should be her own. Also baby dumping."
Larisa Jajfa	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I am a doctor and see women dying due to illegal abortions. It is happening whether we like it or not!"	Unovua Kaereho	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-11	"My body, my choice#"
Benjamin Hauwanga	Walvis Bay, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I got 4girls pregnant"	Krista Van vuuren	Namibia	2020-06-11	"In my opinion i think its better to just terminate a pregnancy safely. By terminating a pregnancy is better

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Irene Garoes	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"This is long overdue.As alluded by the President, this is a year of accountability and as Namibians we can't go on in silence any longer, womxn should have a say over their own bodies reproductive and sexual health and rights. I'm ready for this revolution."	Miller Mwashindange	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I believe a woman should have complete control over her body and what wish to do with it. Plus how many more baby dumpings and illegal abortions do we have to witness, for are to actually see what is happening in our society? Give women a choice!"
Yonela Ndzaandza	Johannesburg, South Africa	2020-06-12	"Women deserve to have control over their bodies."	Theophilus Elias	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Every women must have a choice."
Danielle van Dyk	Tsumeb, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Every woman deserves access to healthcare. SHE controls and dictates HER body. End of discussion"	Saima Herman	Namibia	2020-06-12	"I believe it's a women's right to decide for her body and in carry out any decision she deem fit in a particular circumstance"
Lizélie Rittmann	Swakopmund, Namibia	2020-06-12	"My body, my choice."	Katu M	Namibia	2020-06-12	"I'm signing because it's my body and nobody else's."
Shekupe Kaulinge	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I am pro choice"	Kiowa Links	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"It is the women's choice and they should not be told what to do with their bodies."
Mbayi Semenya	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-12	"It shouldn't be illegal to have a choice as a human being. Especially being a woman!!!"	Monja Ahrens	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I'm signing because legalised abortion will lower the rate of baby dumping and trying to get rid of the fetus in other ways that will end up seriously harming the woman. Women should have the right to decide for themselves what is the best for them"
Shaun Whittaker	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Women should have reproductive rights in a democracy. Their bodies belong to them. It is time to get rid of patriarchy."	Whitney Greyton	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"We need this NOW"
Hendrin Sakarias	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Many lives are being lost because of back door abortions. Many kids are being thrown away because people do not want children, they do not have anything to give their children. Many children become homeless because their parents never wanted them or their parents cannot care for them. I feel like legalising abortion can minimise the chances of these type of things happening. It is a women's choice whether or not she wants a child. It's her body and it's her decisions if she would like an abortion or not."	Tshegofatso Senne	Johannesburg, South Africa, South Africa	2020-06-12	"Having children should be a CHOICE."
Lizé Ennes	US	2020-06-12	"Every woman should be able to decide to have a baby or not. Noone should be allowed to make that decision on someone elses behalf."	Nicholas De Jager	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"It's a basic human right and it will prevent stupid deaths that are easily preventable. It just takes the politca will to do so"
Linda Kayambu	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I am a woman and i understand the effect of unplanned pregnancies n early age child bearings"	Muneera Davids	Eerste River, South Africa	2020-06-12	"I believe in bodily autonomy for women."
Maria Liloa	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I am signing this petition because I believe that every woman has the right to make decisions about her body and that right should not be taken away"	Alexandra Maartens	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"It's supposed to be a choice"
CeeKay CEEKAY	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Women deserve to have control over their bodies"	Wilma Shiimi	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"It should be your choice whether you wanna put your body through the truma of carrying a baby... If man can chose not to support their kids we should be able to chose whether we want to bring it onto earth"
Remember Silias	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Pregnancies courses by rape can be hard to carry on with"	Ernst Korner	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I am againt abortion legalizing"
Raps Kaujama	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Great nations have done, isn't our nation great enough?"	Lara-Lyn Ahrens	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Woman should have autonomy over their bodies and access to safe, legal abortions."
				Elizabeth Nauyoma	Namibia	2020-06-12	"My body, my choice."

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Natalia Nakandangwa	Orngwediva, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I have the right to decide if I want to give life or not. It's my body! My decision!"	Tulimella Shityuwete	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I am signing for my right to make choices about my life and my body. I am signing for those who are not able to access birth control. I am signing for those denied birth control, I am signing for those who have sex before they are emotionally or physically ready. I am signing for those who abandon their babies out of desperation. I am signing for those who are victims of a system that denies us choice around our bodies and then holds us accountable for consequences. I am signing for the FREEDOM and AUTONOMY of women in this country, including myself. Choice is not a privilege, it is a human right."
Lydia Kapolo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"It has to be every woman's right to do what they think is right with their bodies, keeping a baby and not wanting to keep a baby should be part of her voice too"	Marit Hellström	Stockholm, Sweden	2020-06-12	"It's your choice ###"
Ignatious Jingura	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Every woman should have the right to choose whether or not she is able to carry on the full responsibility of being a mother. This is also because most men flea in such cases and it isn't regarded illegal which is unfair for women."	Martina Pieper	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I'm signing because I believe that every woman has right to bodily autonomy."
Lis Jordan	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Because the prohibitions here are archaic and patriarchal beyond belief..."	Frieda Kakololo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Because every woman has the right to make her own decision. The majority of people against abortion are men and they are the ones who are the least involved in their kids lives."
Charmaine Etuna	Ondangwa, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Women should be given an option and decide for themselves... Not to be decided for them"	Tom Minney	London, England, UK	2020-06-12	"It's a very important step for the health of women, babies and families."
Chiquita Mareka	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I might be pro life for my body but I am pro choice for everyone else. Women deserve the right to chose if they want to be mothers or not. Denying them this autonomy is criminal. Legalize abortions."	Tracey Brockerhoff	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Women should have a say on their bodies."
Virachio Hill	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Life"	Silva Petrus	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I don't like kids"
Renier Visser	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I want prevent women dying from illegal dangerous backdoor abortions."	Ottiile Lenga	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"To cut population growth and avoid Baby dumping"
Lina Tuyoleni	Namibia	2020-06-12	"Women have the right to their bodies, I don't see any good in bringing a child on earth to suffer, in a country like Namibia there's no aid for those that do not want kids, best believe me these women end up with kids that will suffer poverty and give birth to unwanted kids as well."	Helen Harris	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I'm signing because every woman should be able to choose. My body, my choice."
Marco Damaseb	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Legalize abortion"	Ringolette Ngapurue	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I believe that every woman has a right to contraceptives and abortion IS a form of contraceptive Baby dumping will not end unless women are given a choice to abort unwanted fetus."
Victoria Neseho Mabusku	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Her body, her choice. You cant be pro life when its in the womb and then blame the mother when the kid is born for not being able to take care of it and want to call her a leech on the government for not letting her abort. Plus some people just Dont want kids and thats okay too."	Kandiloo Shiimi	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Power to the people"
Helena Eelu	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Legalise abortion. Women need more options in this country. Those against it are not being forced to do it."	Jeriamarel See	Oranjemund, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I agree"
Theopolina Shangheta	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-12	"I am doing it mostly to prevent teenagers-mother. I imagine a 14 years old becoming a mother and the person responsible for the pregnancy is a 15 years old boy. GIVE POWER TO WOMEN!"	Aipinge Albertina	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-12	"Best option"
Misodzi Mugala	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Having kids is a personal choice."	agnes Nenkama	Moscow, Russia	2020-06-12	"The only abortions me and you can stop are the safe ones."

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Roeline Bock	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"The rate of teenage and unwanted pregnancies are extremely high... legalisation of abortion in Namibia could curb this issue... and it also provides a safe procedure for abortion rather than what the girls do on their own."	Gaetan Curtis N'landu	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Obviously, it's much better than baby dumping."
Hollie Horncastle	Marsden, England, UK	2020-06-13	"I think all women should have the right to choose what they do with their body. No matter where they are from."	Celson Nangolo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"To see the end of preventable death due to backdoor abortion methods."
Odwa Gets	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-13	"Everyone should have the right to choose!"	Cynthia du Plessis	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Our bodies, our choices"
Kujeurua Tjeenao	Tsumeb, Namibia	2020-06-13	"I believe women have the right to decide what is best for their bodies and no laws of any country should dictate otherwise"	Julia Kairi	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"I believe that most young girls don't know how to handle the fact that they get pregnant, and they do the first thing that pops up in their heads which is abortion, and some girls are afraid of the name calling and mockery, thus if abortion is legalized, women and/or girls can get professional abortion, instead of taking matters into their own hands and creating problems for themselves, which may lead to long term medical problems or death"
Philippe Talavera	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"It is about time! We have talked about it for years"	Urbano Shetunyanga	London, England, UK	2020-06-13	"The sovereignty of women matters"
Klementine gaspar	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"the one who carries the water is the only one who understand how heavy the bucket is! legalize abortion 100%"	Jana Ellmies	Klein Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"I know, that illegal abortions cause death and disability in women. Evidenz shows that countries with a law that allows safe abortion reduce greatly its maternal maternity and morbidity. Women's lives will protected."
Roux-Ché Kahireke	Namibia	2020-06-13	"Give a woman full autonomy of her body!"	Josephine Hlohoamba	Namibia	2020-06-13	"To decrease the rate of dumping babies"
Rauna Shikukumwa	Oshakati, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Fuck them kids"	Kondja Shaimamanya	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"The revolution will be televised."
Nampa S	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"everybody should have autonomy over their bodies"	Jade Lennon	Walvis Bay, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Opting to abort a pregnancy may be one of the most difficult decisions a person may ever take, but I support the right of women to choose."
Emilia Ijumbu	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Because of high teenage pregnancy"	Duke Kempel	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Choice matters."
Stacey Siluka	Namibia	2020-06-13	"women should be allowed to make decisions for their own bodies and not be subjected to decisions made by people they have never even met"	Mia Pietersen	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"Mia Pietersen"
Sirka Strasser	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"It's sad and hard to see babies being thrown"	Levos Ekandjio	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"People should have rights to choose."
maria matheus	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"gggggfgsvg"	Cde Konjebjo Hamata	Namibia	2020-06-13	"It's wealth to our nation"
Olivia Ipangelwa	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"It's about time we give Namibian women autonomy over their bodies #👊"	Ndapewa Nombanza	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-13	"FUCK THEM KIDS BRUH"
Mads Uhrenfeldt Madsen	Copenhagen, Denmark	2020-06-13	"Is a human right!!!"	Petrina Alfeus	Ongwediva, Namibia	2020-06-13	"am signing cos this is for the best, we tired of raising unwanted baby"
Bruce Dickie	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Women should have the choice of motherhood. Forcing women to give birth will only result in higher abandonment rates"				
Trula Zoganas	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"A lot of Namibian women, who cannot undergo a legal abortion, often risk their lives and health by undergoing"				

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Annete Peter	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Too many children are being abandoned. Too many children are being left fatherless. Too many women are suffering."	Mbatjua Kambauruma	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"I believe having a baby should be a choice."
Fezeka Mbutuma	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-14	"A women must have a choice whether they want the baby or not"	Nokuthula Mahlobo	Johannesburg, South Africa	2020-06-14	"A safe abortion is a human right"
Padelia Mwafulange	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-14	"I believe people have the right to decide if they want abortion or not."	Ilaiza Hanse	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Women should have full control of their bodies."
Fikile Ramontsha	Pretoria, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Because every woman has a right to abort and decide if they want kids or not."	Ericke Tjueza	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-14	"The right to control what happens to your body is a human right."
Nekongo Lukas	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"It's a human democratic right"	Nomwuyo Nxele	Pretoria, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Legalize abortion"
Jackson D	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"It will avoid unplanned and unwanted pregnancy. It will as well reduce baby dumping."	Sakaria Taapopi	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"I m signing because I understand the need for legal abortion & consequences of illegal abortion."
estella chavez	Paris, France	2020-06-14	"C'est logique en 2020"	Alicia Solomons	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Cause I can."
Ronnie Hambeka	Namibia	2020-06-14	"Womxn rights to govern their bodies is a human rights long withheld."	Sara Mwanyangapo	Oshikuku, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Every woman deserves the right to choice."
Elvi Indongo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"LEGALIZE ABORTION"	Mamello Motlhabi	South Africa	2020-06-14	"Health care is a human right"
The Sauce	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"I'm signing because I believe that what's is your body is your responsibility and your choice."	Albertina Mmethi	Witbank, South Africa	2020-06-14	"My body my choice"
Petelina Frans	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Fuck them kids"	Caroline Akwaake	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Reproductive rights are human rights"
Nomthi Mkabela	Roodepoort, South Africa	2020-06-14	"I'm signing because abortion is healthcare and women have the right to make decisions about their own bodies"	Anuchika Mondzinger	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Legalizing it will encourage safe abortion methods."
Ronaldo Nujso	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Change is coming #..."	helena rose	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Everyone has a right to choice💎"
Mclean Nanghama	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Legalise abortion"	Hilma Simon	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"You will never take a walk in our shoes so please stop trying to be our voice.#Legalizeabortion"
Charl-Thom Bayer	Ottawa, Canada	2020-06-14	"Reproductive rights are not the State's."	JP vd Westhuizen	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Solidarity..."
Tsholofelo Sebogodi	Johannesburg, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Women should have a right to whatever they want with their OWN bodies."	Memory Wakuruma	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"I am signing this petition because I believe by legalising abortion, baby dumping will reduce drastically..."
Nicholas Methery	Toronto, Canada	2020-06-14	"All women deserve access to reproductive healthcare"	Blessing Rapotu	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Women should have full rights to their own bodies!"
Fube Bwalya	Zambia	2020-06-14	"Women should have the right to choose what it is they do with their bodies. They are the ones that carry the babies so they should choose..."	Megameno Amunyela	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"We recognise"
Ester Ipinge	Tsumeb, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Abortion should be every woman's right."				

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Martin Amadhila	Namibia	2020-06-15	"I has the right 2 decide what to do with their body"	Ndahafira Hileni	Ongwediva, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Not everyone is ready to have a child at a young age or even at an age where one can have one. Not only that but also people are having trouble raising this unwanted and unplanned babies. If I don't want it then let me abort. It's my choice and my partners. Not anybody elses. So ye. Please do make it legal."
Theresa Lucas	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"I'M PRO ABORTION"	Rebecca Pointer	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-14	"All women must be allowed to determine what is best for them in terms of having children or not."
Fortune Kaseba	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"Every women or couple in this country should have the right to plan their future for the betterment of what's ahead."	Kristofina Mbeeli	Ongwediva, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Women should be able to make decisions regarding the bodies and not be policed by the illegalities that the law comes with. Abortion is part of Reproductive Health. Let's normalize it!!!!"
Blessing Mtselu	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-15	"Blessing Mtselu"	Willem W Kapenda	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Women should have full ownership of their bodies."
Rose Peter	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-15	"Women should have full autonomy over their bodies, especially reproductive choices."	Susara Fouché	Pretoria, South Africa	2020-06-14	"Every women should have the choice to make a decision like this, it's HER choice."
Alex Ndahalele	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"I want Namibia to finally legalize abortion so women can decide to keep a pregnancy or not"	Veripi Ngapurue	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"My body my choice, her body her choice! Men have no say but to support our choices."
Frans Frida	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-15	"Women have rights toward their bodies"	Herta Hango	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"Safe abortions can prevent most health related issues"
Maalike De Schepper	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"It's a disgrace that woman aren't aloud to decide about their own body."	Justina Nangolo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"It's every lady/women's choice to carry or abort. If they choose to abort, let it be done professionally and safely."
Fabienne Conradie	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"I am signing because I feel that each and every woman should have the choice to become a mother or not. And safe legal abortions are better options for woman who choose the latter."	Nsimbo Mponzeza	Morogoro, Tanzania	2020-06-14	"women are the ONLY people that can decide what is allowed and what is not allowed to be done to their body"
Whitney Touros	Namibia	2020-06-15	"I totally agree with you"	Louise Kharuxas	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"I'm signing because too many unsafe abortions going on in the street"
Hope Kahorongo	Katima Mulilo, Namibia	2020-06-15	"So many unwanted pregnancy take place in this country because of that these young mothers are forced to have this babies. I feel like we should have that legal right for abortion to avoid baby dumping"	Nerro Nendongo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"I believe a women's temple gives her the right to choose so baby gone abort."
Popi Shinda	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"Namibia must know"	Paulus Iyaloo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-14	"To reduce school drop outs"
Elizabeth Mbaeva	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"Because a woman has the right to choose what happens to her body."	Colleen Notemele	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-15	"Women should be allowed to do what they want with their bodies."
Alli Shikomba	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-16	"I am in total agreement with the words of the president, and I totally agree that the legalization of abortion is the best way forward."	Shonag Mackenzie	Edinburgh, UK	2020-06-15	"Making abortion legal in Namibia will not only give women the fundamental right over their own bodies but will decrease the number of deaths and complications. In time it will also decrease the overall number of abortions. It will improve women's access to contraception and decrease the burden on health services. This change in policy is long overdue and will benefit the country as a whole."
J Hamutenya	Namibia	2020-06-16	"Because I am supporting the idea of legalizing abortion in Namibia"	Corona Gaoas	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-15	"I'm signing because you don't know some times it's a rape situation, but for that it should be investigated."
Vistorina Munenguni	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-16	"I agree with it"				
Emiliana Shaninwa	Ondangwa, Namibia	2020-06-16	"Agree with it"				

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Association of Medical Students' of Namibia AMSNA	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-17	"Women should have the right to rule over their bodies as men do over theirs. There are so my complexities to SRH."	Emiliana Shaminwa	Ondangwa, Namibia	2020-06-16	"Reason for signing this??"
Veringo Pujatura	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-17	"Women should have the rights to decide what to do with their body."	Emiliana Shaminwa	Ondangwa, Namibia	2020-06-16	"Namibian must know this pls"
Lydia Kapolo	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-17	"For women to have a choice for what they really want"	Lebbeus Hashikutuwa	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-16	"BODILY AUTONOMY = HUMAN RIGHT."
Rauna Kapofi	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-17	"It's a human right!!!"	Kamogelo Bailite	Johannesburg, South Africa	2020-06-16	"I believe in reproductive health for women"
Bianchi Kisting	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-18	"I believe that everyone has a choice"	Ernos Nashidengo	Ondangwa, Namibia	2020-06-16	"I'm signing because it feels right"
				Jutta George	Heisinki, Finland	2020-06-16	"Women should not be dying because of this"
				Albertina Amadhila	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-16	"I'm a concerned citizen"
				Wayne Simeon	Jackson, Mississippi, US	2020-06-16	"Choice"
				Qhama Lewies	Cape Town, South Africa	2020-06-16	"Idk bro"
				Lynne Fraser	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-16	"Pro choice"
				Albertha Swartbooi-Sechogele	Oshikango, Namibia	2020-06-16	"Thats not good to do that No abortion please no Abortion"
				Ayanda Ngcobo	Durban, South Africa	2020-06-16	"I believe women have a right to make their own choices. Women's rights are human rights."
				Kristofina Vatilifa	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-16	"Abortion must be legalised"
				Lyah Asino	Namibia	2020-06-16	"Because I understand the struggles that girls go through when having an unplanned pregnancy. I want the rate of baby dumping to be reduced And I'm in full support of the idea."
				Loide Tomas	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-16	"I believe that women have the rights to choose what to do with their body. Secondly, the reason why there are too many homeless kids in Namibia is because the parents have nothing to give them at home and instead the kids run away to go in search. No parent will want to bring their kids in this when they have nothing to offer."
				Given Sishekano	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-17	"Autonomy is a natural human right, it is self evident and women do not deserve any/ less."
				Daniel Kooper	Windhoek, Namibia	2020-06-17	"When a women is raped she should have the choice to whether keep the baby or not"

