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Persuasive Speech

Specific Purpose

I hope to persuade the class that Adoption is not stressed enough in society as a solution to an unwanted pregnancy.

Introduction

I. The good news is, according to the Population Council teen pregnancy rates are dropping. Unfortunately, America's is still higher than anywhere else in the world. (Barth 447)

II. According to The National Council for Family relations, about half of teen girls carry their pregnancies to term ("Current Publications" 237), and many of these young women, feel forced into keeping the child, because the benefits of adoption are not highlighted in our society.

Body

I. It seems to be a given that a child will drastically change the life of the woman who gives birth to it, but at a young age, these changes are devastating nearly across-the-board.

A. The Guttmacher institute released the results of a study that showed a 30% better chance of employment for mothers who adopted out their children over those who decided to keep. (Mahler 146)

B. The same study also showed evidence that women who kept their children received a lower level of education than those who chose adoption.

II. Many women don't understand the options available to them regarding policies of open adoption.

A. Women choosing to adopt have a wide variety of options as to how their child will be placed, how much contact they will be allowed, some agencies even give the mother some control over which family their child will be placed to.

1. According to The National Council on Family Relations, many women considering their options during their pregnancy were not aware that they had this level of control, which hindered their consideration of adoption. (Sobol 419)

2. Some of this confusion is caused by the conflict between privatized and government-run adoption. (Wagar 363)

3. Open adoption has become a political issue and this divisiveness is causing problems for seeking mothers. (Wagar 368)

III. Many women either require or seek services such as psychological counseling, or even some sort of post-partum care after they adopt out.

A. According to the NCFR have trouble finding these services afterward. (Barth 448)

Conclusion

I. Much of the reason many young women don't choose adoption is simply because of a lack of awareness in society.

II. The NCFR found that over half of Americans counted on the media to provide them with information regarding adoption, yet much of that media tends to portray it in a negative light.

III. Adoption receives much of its negative attention because it lacks a movement like that of the pro-life and pro-choice positions.

IV. Simple things like PSAs and public awareness events by Adoption groups .

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