

Women's Reproductive Rights & Empowerment in Buenos Aires

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Introduction: Women who live in Buenos Aires, Argentina are being marginalized by having their reproductive rights violated. This hegemonic control of women's issues has left an impact on the overall quality of life women live. After analyzing four major issues afflicting women's health are: lack of reproductive education, access and use of contraception, legality and consequences of abortions, and maternal health. To ameliorate health of women in Buenos Aires the social determinants revolving reproductive rights must be reexamined and used to show evidence on how intervention can create better living conditions.

Methods of Data Collection: Data was collected from various research papers from different data bases provided by UCLA. The data was gathered from a combination of surveys, interviews, cross sectional studies, polls, and statistical evidence. The main evidence used comes from polls and interviews with professionals, adolescents, and activists.



Abortion Rights and Regulation/Treatment

- Illegality & No Rights lead to DANGEROUS: Self-Aborts, Unsafe & Unregulated & Unprotected Private Procedures
- Hospitalized Victims subjected to abuse and persecution

Contraception: Lack of access and advocacy of use

- Less Unwanted Pregnancies & Family Planning = Stable & Healthier Environment

Main Issues Marginalizing Women

Reproductive Education and Addressing Taboos

- Higher Education = Healthier Life & More Opportunities
- Less Education = Unhealthier Choices & Limited Opportunities

Maternal Health and Family Planning

- Planned Pregnancies = Manageable Families
- Healthier Pregnancies = Healthier Children

Conclusions: Although women in Argentina are victims of sexual taboos and sexism, there are efforts to help establish reproductive health rights for women. Conscious decisions to increase reproductive health education and implementing youth programs to help both adolescent men and women, understand their reproductive cycles, ways to prevent contraception, how to handle maternity, and creating healthier environments for women. These programs are steps in the right direction but without any legal protection, women will continue to be marginalized. Progress maybe slow, but it is evident that women in Argentina are advocating for their rights.

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