Why the U.S. Government Ought Not to Control a Woman’s Reproductive Rights
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Introduction
According to The Washington Post, 80.6% of the House is men, leaving only 19.4% to be women. Although women make up 50.8% of the U.S. population, only 19.4% of our national legislators are women. Therefore, since the US Congress is composed mostly of men, they are the people who will make and decide the reproductive rights of millions of women nationwide. Women in the U.S. are being represented mostly by men...men who have no idea what it is like to be a woman. A majority of these Congressmen are pro-life and hold an unborn fetus's right to life over the mother’s quality of life and her rights. This is usually due to personal religious beliefs and morals which leaves no room to consider a mother's needs.

Findings
• Women are not proportionally represented in Congress.
• Legislation concerning women's reproductive rights is being made by men. This means that the legislators are making laws that cannot and do not apply to them.

Gender in the 114th Congress

Conclusion
Men should not make decisions about a woman's body.

Argument
• Men make up 80% of Congress.
• Women in the U.S. are being represented by these men.
• Women are proportionally under-represented.
• Because women are human beings, they are entitled to the same liberties as men.
• Since there is less representation, men don’t take into account women’s autonomy.
• These men are telling women what to do with their bodies.
• Men in the U.S. Congress do not know what it is like to be a woman.
• Women are entitled to autonomy over their own bodies.
• Therefore, men should not be policing women’s bodies.

Findings
• According to the NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation, a majority of people in Congress are anti-choice.
• It's unfair and unjust for laws about women's reproductive rights to be made by people who are in no way affected by those laws.

Choice Positions in the States

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• Bump, Philip. "The new Congress is 80 percent white, 80 percent male and 92 percent Christian." The Washington Post 5 January 2015 p. 4