The World’s Abortion Laws

The definitive record of the legal status of abortion in countries and territories across the globe.

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Categories of Abortion Laws from Least to Most Restrictive

Category I. On Request ( Gestational Limits Vary)

Category II. Socioeconomic Grounds

Category III. To Preserve Health

Category IV. To Save the Pregnant Person’s Life

Category V. Prohibited Altogether

Varies at the State Level

- Countries in bold are those with exceptions within their borders.
- Countries in italics are those with exceptions that vary at the subnational level.

Some notes on legal abortion around the world:

- Abortion is prohibited in many countries, often based on religious and cultural beliefs.
- In some countries, abortion is permitted in cases of rape, incest, or to save the pregnant person’s life.
- In others, abortion is allowed in cases of severe fetal impairment or when the pregnancy threatens the mother’s health.
- Access to abortion services varies significantly, with many countries lacking adequate healthcare infrastructure to support legal terminations.

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