Birth Control: American Universities and Equal Protection

Colleges in the United States unequally provide reproductive services to men and women. Men are given free condoms. Although women have access to free condoms, condoms are men’s reproductive responsibility. They are designed to protect men from transmitting and contracting diseases. A woman may offer to provide a condom, but cannot force a male to wear a condom. College campuses believe that condoms are cost effective and generally accessible in comparison to birth control. In the United States, birth control requires a doctor’s prescription even though high doses of hormones, such as Plan B, are available over the counter. Birth control, including pills and medication abortion, should freely be available to women enrolled at universities. University doctors should provide prescriptions and unlimited free doses to ensure that women may exercise their rights to choose, not to bear, and not to raise children.

Reproductive reasonability among women has always been and continues to be stigmatized in the United States. The public seems to be averse to emergency contraceptives. Universities may provide women with free emergency contraceptives, such as Plan B; however, general ethos, proactivity, self-autonomy, and public humiliation explicate why many women would prefer to have access to birth control rather than regularly seek emergency contraceptives from the same university clinic. Women at universities want to appear competent and act on their own behalves.

Segregation between women conforming to tradition and non-traditionals is a problem in America. For example, in Burwell et al. [1] Hobby Lobby the court found that closely held for-profit corporations are not required to provide women with coverage for birth control if they believe that birth control is like abortion, and therefore against the corporate person’s religious freedom [2]. Religious organizations were entitled to this exception under the law; and the Court extended it to private corporations. The US Supreme Court protected corporate personhood saying that corporations could deny coverage to exercise religious freedom. The U.S. Supreme Court created this right to suit a powerful corporation, Hobby Lobby, which plays religious music over its store speakers. This holding violates Equal Protection. Under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, women have rights to choose whether to create, bear, and raise children. Hobby Lobby is required by law to provide insurance to women, who are pregnant. They cannot be denied insurance because they are pregnant. These women’s rights to choose, procreate, and have children are protected. Women, who have the same rights, are not protected because they can be denied some coverage based on their choices not to procreate, bear, or have children. Religious zealots may fear that birth control disintegrates a main theme of Christianity: infanticide [3]. For example, child-killing rituals are stopped, yet absolved in the Bible. Legalization of birth control has directly correlated with waning of religion’s control in the United States. They ferociously warn against the sin of abortion and have demanded that it not be covered by insurance. This is the same Constitutional error as failure to cover birth control. The government cannot choose for women. The law must be enforced evenly. If pregnant women are entitled to protection, then women choosing to prevent or end pregnancy must be entitled to the same benefits. The right to choose cannot be contingent on outcome. Once a state has an interest in a fetus (e.g., after viability) or after a child is born, then other rights may attach, such as the right to parent, which is dormant for a woman, who chooses not to have children.

Discursive evidence of sexism abounds. For example, college campuses permit men to peel off their shirts and reveal school colors at football games, but women must retain some clothing lest they be challenged by campus police and escorted from the premises [4]. Male bees in honey bee programs are segregated, while females are mistreated. Some zoos working with colleges teach students to take young cubs from mothers despite obvious heartbreak; and some fathers may be deprived of ever seeing their cubs or having intimate family relationships (e.g., coitus). These methods of segregating males from females firmly plant
into students the belief that they deserve to be discriminated by universities seeking to fulfill traditional agendas of suppressing women’s procreative freedoms and denying equality to men (e.g., failure to produce quality pills for males punished by sensation-decreasing condoms).

Commentary about birth control has become so hostile in the United States that it has spilled onto vehicles. This medium is silent, albeit powerful, because traffic collations are unavoidable. Below are some examples of the hostile and uncomfortable pontifications blustered by American motorists [5] (Figures 1 and 2).

This vehicle explicitly depicts firearms to insinuate the uterus, womb, and ovaries of a female in order to intimidate the right to choose. The message reads: “OUTLAW,” an insinuation that women exercising their right to abort should be jailed. This is a common rhetorical threat among motorists, who have insisted that the elected and ousted president, Hillary Rodham Clinton, should be incarcerated. Contributing to intelligentsia and maintaining her position of authority in the War on Women and Schools, Clinton has said that she will resume teaching at a university this fall. Her selected university, Columbia, is known for a sexual assault case resulting in the victim creating art. She dragged a full-size dormitory mattress to each class for several weeks to denounce her attacker. New Yorkers continue to stand on the forefront of gender equality, not only when Senator Clinton was in office, but before her tenure when they equalized nudity laws.

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