## MY BODY, MY CHOICE

oday in the media things look very scary. We see the possible overturn of legal same sex marriage, church beginning to rule over state, conservative states thinking about making abortion illegal and many other things. I'm not sure if anyone has noticed yet, but most of our government officials are old white men. This is a problem for many reasons, but we'll focus on specifics.

When it comes to talking about providing feminine products for everyone, we hear radio silence from these men. None of them want to talk about the cycle that has to happen every month in order for there to even be a pregnancy in the first place, but they have everything to say when it comes to laws on the woman's body and her pregnancy. Oh, right. The red sea that floods every month is too gross to talk about.

## It is important that people keep their body autonomy.

*What is body autonomy you ask?* 

Well, I'm here to answer: According to RCHSD.ORG, "Body autonomy is the right for a person to govern what happens to their body without external influence or coercion."

Women should be the only one having a seat at that table. No one feels like they should point out that there are laws - as in multiple, - on women's bodies. THERE ARE LAWS ON WOMEN'S BODIES. If anyone thought to put laws on men's bodies, that idea would be thrown out and called crazy. I can hear the pro-life argument already. "What about the baby's body autonomy?" The fetus doesn't have any conscious thoughts and is not a person in society. A fetus is inside the woman and the woman will pick what happens to it - as it affects her and nobody else.

Abortions will not stop happening just because it is made illegal by these men. Instead, it will be more harmful as women take things into their own hands versus having the ability to go to a medical center.

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