

*Prompt: What is the most important right you are granted as a citizen of the United States? What are the particular benefits associated with that right? When you exercise that right, what impact do your actions have on those around you?*

The most important right which I feel is granted as a citizen of the United States, is the right to choose. Being a woman of critical thinking in health issues and speaking my mind, I employ every individual to use it to the fullest and reap the benefits of what is in store for them at this current time of their life as well as the future. You have the right to choose what is good for you. My special saying is, "what God has for me is for me". It's not a selfish act but a given right to each and everyone of us. Life is too short to have pertinent issues that you can't change but you can speak out for or against them. One issue is birth control, which I feel a woman has a choice in life whether she wants children or not. If she is in a loving relationship and chooses to become pregnant and raise a family, it's her decision and her right. If a female becomes pregnant by force, meaning rape, she still has the choice to keep or to terminate. The pro-choice people feel that they can persuade these ladies to keep their children and put them up for adoption. Some of them do make the choice to place in adoption and some choose to terminate. Depending on the individuals strength and support from love ones, this person can achieve what she sat out to do and will not feel guilty after making a critical decision, whether it was selfish on her part or a good decision based on the welfare of the child. Good mothers almost always look out for their children. When you exercise the right to choose to be a mother and you give that child or your children the love and discipline from an infant until their adult life. As your children become grown and start

their lives with someone special and have their own children, you get to see first hand if you did your job right. When that son or daughter respect and love their children and spouse and grow as a family using the family values that were nurtured within them as they were growing up, a mother's job is done. Always stand behind your decision if you feel it is what you want. Do not let anyone persuade you in any way, if you feel strongly about your decision. Be thankful and graceful in your decision. Ask yourself is this what I really want and pray about it. Ask God to give you the strength you need and desire. If your decision is based on what is in your heart and on your mind, and you feel you can't deal with it in any other way. That is your choice and your choice alone. Do not worry about what other people will say or do, it's not their business. Your life, your choice, your happiness and your grief, either way you made the decision.