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Sir/Madam,

Every abortion represents a personal tragedy. The basis of that tragedy is varied: rape, domestic violence, careless teenage sex without contraceptives, pressure from partners and relatives, and so on.

The focus of the debate should be on addressing these tragedies so that women have a genuine choice, rather than making the debate simply about "getting rid of the baby". Unfortunately there does not seem to be enough research into the issues underpinning the rate of abortion. Directing some resources there would represent money well spent.

Your faithfully

Martin Dunn