

CAMPAIGNING FOR ABORTION RIGHTS

STRATEGIES AND LEARNINGS FROM ARGENTINA

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FEELING THE HISTORIC MOMENT!



ABORTION LAW IN ARGENTINA

Law from 1921: Right to terminate a pregnancy under certain grounds:

- Threat to life;
- Health risk;
- Rape.

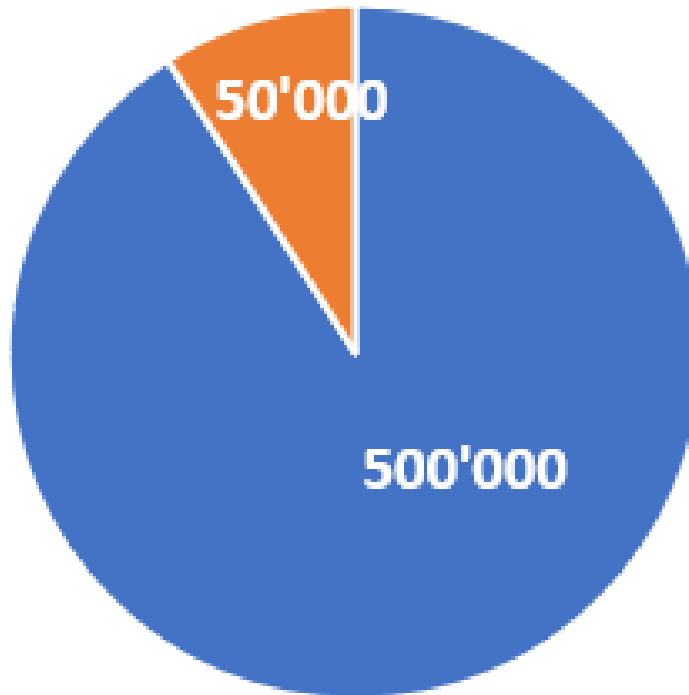
29 december 2020: Adoption of the law 27.610:

- The voluntary termination of pregnancy is allowed up to, and including, the 14th week of gestation.
- Three legal grounds to terminate a pregnancy: threat to life, health risk and rape

→ Abortion is (still) considered a crime if conducted after the 14th week and not justified on the basis of the three legal grounds !



UNSAFE ABORTIONS PER YEAR



■ Clandestine abortions estimation

■ Hospitalisations for complications arising from abortions

Source: Ministry of Health (2018)

Over the past 30 years:

First cause of maternal mortality (1/3 of deaths)



CAMPAIGNS FOR AND AGAINST ABORTION

FOR LEGAL ABORTION

1990': Regional Campaign for the Legalisation of Abortion



From 2005: Campaña Nacional por el Derecho al Aborto legal, Seguro y Gratuito

2018: Petition to Congress

2015: #NiUnaMenos

From 2013: Amnesty International

AGAINST LEGAL ABORTION

2018:

#ConMisHijosNoTeMetas
#SalvememosLasDosVidas
#LaMayoríaCeleste



- *Intimidate lawmakers*
- *Online and offline mobilization*
- *Legal actions against the law*
- *Violence against activists*



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EL ACCESO
AL ABORTO
EN ARGENTINA.
**UNA DEUDA
PENDIENTE**

REPORTES AL BILBAO, SOBRE SUJECIONES SEXUALES Y REPRODUCTIVAS

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COMPLICATIONS FROM UNSAFE ABORTIONS
ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF MATERNAL
DEATHS IN ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 8, SENATORS IN ARGENTINA
COULD CHOOSE TO CHANGE THIS IF THEY VOTE
THROUGH A BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE ABORTION.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING.

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Long lasting and comprehensive work since 2013 to put abortion at the top of the public agenda



SOCIEDAD • AI LANZA UNA ACCIÓN MUNDIAL POR LA LIBERTAD DE BELÉN EN TUCUMÁN

Un reclamo internacional

Amnistía Internacional lanzó una acción urgente a nivel mundial para reclamar al gobierno tucumano por la libertad de Belén, la joven presa por un aborto espontáneo desde hace dos años. Hace diez días, un tribunal la condenó a 8 años.

Por Mariana Carbajal

Amnistía Internacional lanzó ayer una acción urgente a nivel mundial, por la cual convoca a activistas de los derechos humanos de todo el mundo a reclamar la libertad de Belén, la joven tucumana arbitrariamente privada de

KEY LEARNINGS

- Broad inclusive alliances, comprising various professional groups
- Comprehensive campaign: research, advocacy, strategic litigation, activism, human rights education, communication
- Frame legal abortion as a health and human rights issue
- Leading-edge research and strong evidence-based arguments
- Clear and simple messages / hashtags
- One symbol: green scarf
- Many online and street actions
- Effective tools to inform strategies
- Be prepared to resistance before and after legislative change and never give up 😊

