



Campaigns for the Right to
Legal and Safe abortion
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- **Goal:** to legalize abortion in Brazil through the feminist proactivity and the promotion of public debate, the increase of the supporting social bases, the revision of the legislation, and the impediment of retrocession within the scope of abortion rights
- 42 organizations Brazilian feminist movement,
- 19 national networks, autonomous feminists and Partnerships
- **Brazilian Law:** Abortion allowed only in cases of rape and life risk for women since 1940.

Factors for a change in the policy



- **The women decide** - Creation of Campaigns for the Right to Legal and Safe abortion.
- **The society respects** - The Brazilian society is becoming open for the debate about new morality and diversity respect, enlarging partnership and media focusing on the debate.
- **The State assures** – Brazilian government commitment to establish a well-being State, with the goal of defending the secular State:
 - National Secretary for Women´s Policy - promotion of gender equality
 - Abortion attended in the Health Public Service - cases of rape and life risk for women. Technical norm of humanization of unsafe abortion.

Events



- Election of the democratic government – Lula Government - 2003
- 1st and 2nd National Conference on Public Policies for Women recommended the review of abortion legislation – 2004/2007
- Creation of a triple-alliance commission – members of parliament, executive staff and the Brazilian society - to review the law - 2004
- Improvement of the debate about abortion in the Brazilian media
- Presentation of the law pre-project to the House of Representatives - 2005
- Counteract of the opponents – creation of parliament members groups against abortion in the congress
- Supreme Court determination allowing abortion in cases of anencephalic fetuses - 2004
- Health Minister declaration in favor of abortion; but the Presidents comments are contradictory - 2007
- The Pope visits Brazil – 2007
- Public conferences about abortion in the Congress - 2007
- Workshops and campaigns resulting in a better understanding and flexibility about the issue in people's minds.

Strategies



- Public debate promotion
- Joining forces with supporting partners
- Internal mobilization – keep the fire on
- Incidence over the Media
- Monitoring the National Congress
- Public mobilizations
- Legal Assistance

People involved



- Political parties and workers unions, involving Women's Bureau
- Rural workers associations
- Network of Brazilian youngsters and students
- Social movements - Brazilian Association of Gays, Lesbians and Transgenders (ABGLT), Human Rights Movement, african-brazilian movement,
- Professionals in the health, media and justice area
- Lecturers and researchers
- Policy makers.