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Sex Selection

I agree with Marcy Darnovsky that allowing parents to select the gender of their unborn child is wrong and governments should unite and shun these practices among the citizens. Sex selection could be an expensive procedure affordable only to the wealthy populations thus increasing the social gap. Moreover, in countries which embrace the one child per household policy, most families prefer to bear a boy thus making the girl child extinct. Further, sex selection undermines the works of God who gives life according to His wishes and should thus be the sole determinant of the child's sex. Sex selection is not right and thus deserves condemning since all children are gifts from God, and He should be the one to decide what to give to the parents.

Most states experience a wide gap between the rich and the poor and spend extra efforts trying to bridge it. Some of the activities that governments engage in to promote the welfare of the disadvantaged families include the free provision of healthcare and educational services. Embracing sex selection would thus increase the same gap that the state tries to close since only the wealthy households can meet the cost.¹

In Psalm 127:3, children are a gift from God,² and parents should thus receive them with appreciation irrespective of the gender. Choosing the unborn baby's gender shows man's lack of trust in God to give him what he deserves. Further, it is equal to assuming God's role of giving life. On the same note, most families prefer to bear a boy for their first child especially in

¹Eftekhaari, Tasnim Eghbal, Abdol Azim Nejatizadeh, Minoos Rajaei, Saeede Soleimani, Soghra Fallahi, Rahman Ghaffarzadegan, and Forough Mahmoudi. "Ethical considerations in sex selection." *Journal of education and health promotion* 4 (2015).

² *The Holy Bible, King James Version*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 2009.

countries that embrace the 'one child per household' policy. Such states are likely to experience the extinction of the female gender and eventual decline in population for lack of women to give more births.³

In conclusion, sex selection is a wrong move since it discriminates against females as most families value having boys due to the belief that a boy child is better than a girl child. The exercise increases the social gap as it is only affordable to the wealthy. Besides, it demeans the work of God who reserves the right to create life and assign it a gender.

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