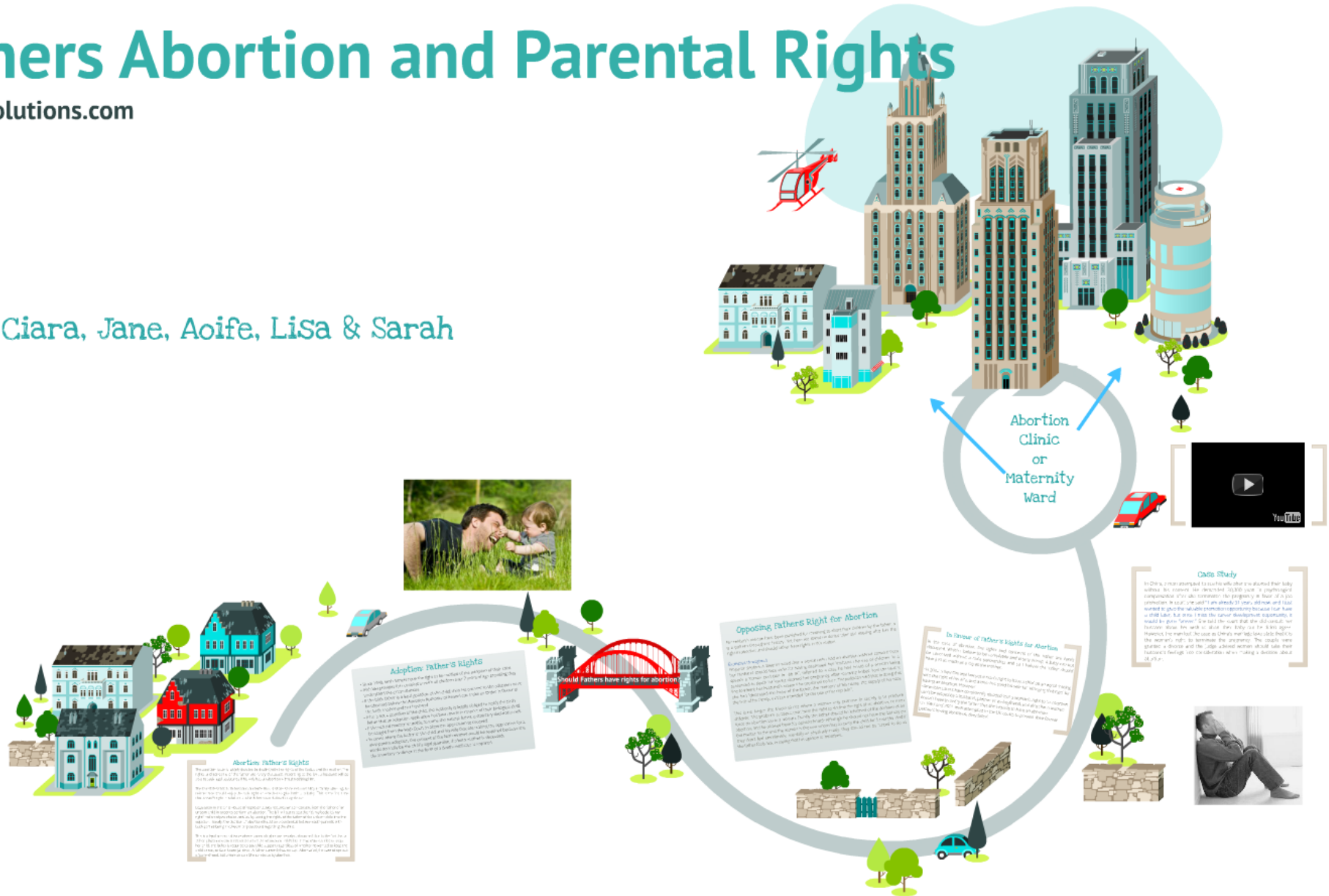


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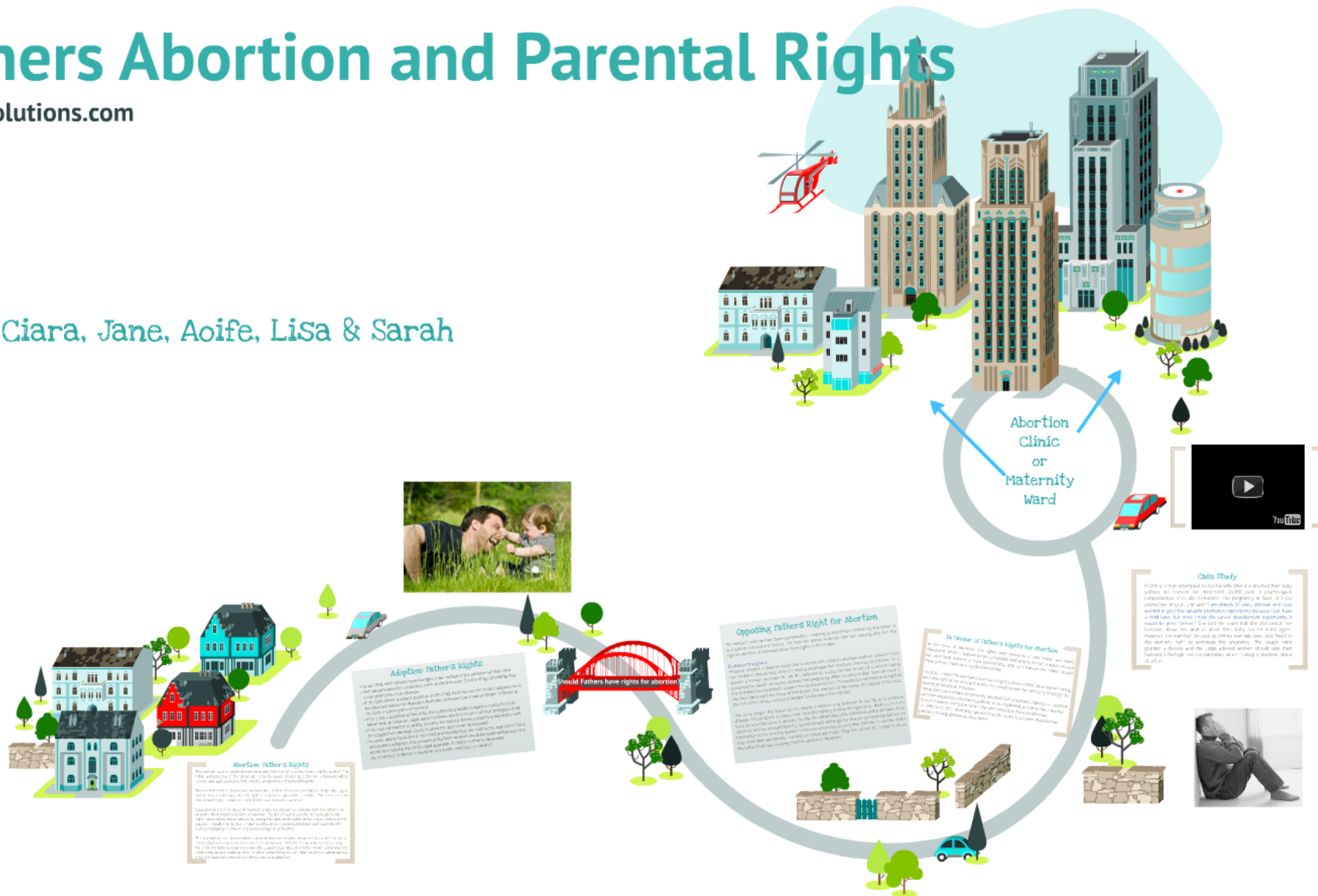
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# Abortion: Father's Rights

The abortion issue is largely devoted to dealing with the rights of the foetus and the mother. The rights and concerns of the father are rarely discussed. According to the law, a husband will be able to seek legal assistance if his wife has an abortion without notifying him.

The law states that both husband and wife should share same responsibility in family planning, so neither side should enjoy the sole right on whether to give birth to a baby. This is the first time that a man's right in relation to a birth has been defined in legislation.

Legislation in the Ohio House of Representatives requires written consent from the father of an unborn child in order to perform an abortion. The bill will put to test the "it's my body, it's my right" notion of pro-choice activists by adding the rights of the father of the unborn child into the equation. Ideally, the decision of abortion should be a consensus between both parents, with both parties being involved in any decisions regarding the child.

This is a legal and social issue where parental rights are heavily unbalanced due to the fact that a father plays no role in a matter as critical as his unborn child's life. If a woman decides to keep her child, the father is required to pay child support regardless of whether he wanted to keep the child or not, or face future jail time. A father currently has no say. Alternatively he cannot opt-out of parenthood, but a woman can: She can do so by abortion.