

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Dominican Republic Constitution of 2010

Article 37. Right to life

The right to life is inviolable from conception to death. The death penalty cannot be established, pronounced or applied, in any case.

Article 38. Human dignity

The State is founded on the respect for the dignity of the person and it is organized for the real and effective protection of the fundamental rights inherent to it. The dignity of the human being is sacred, innate and inviolable; its respect and protection constitute an essential responsibility of the public powers.

Article 45. Freedom of conscience and of beliefs

The State guarantees the freedom of conscience and of beliefs, subject to the public order and respect for good customs.

Article 75. Fundamental Duties

The fundamental rights recognized in this Constitution determine the existence of an order of juridical and moral responsibility, which obligates the conduct of the man and the woman in society. In consequence, the following are declared as fundamental duties of persons: ...

10. To act according to the principle of social solidarity, responding with humanitarian actions in situations of public calamity or that endanger the life or health of persons;

Source: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Dominican_Republic_2010.pdf

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Penal Code.

Art. 317. He who through food concoctions, medications, soundings, treatments or any other way, causes or will cooperate directly to cause abortion of a pregnant woman, even if she consents to it, shall be punished with imprisonment. The same penalty shall be imposed upon the woman who causes an abortion or consents to the use of substances that would (produce) that object or administer or undergo abortive means, provided that the abortion has taken place. Imprisonment of six months (to two years will be imposed upon) persons who have been in (collaboration with), or the pregnant woman herself with another person, to produce the abortion, provided that the abortion has taken place, even if they have not cooperated directly to cause the abortion. Doctors, surgeons, midwives, nurses, (pharmacists), and other medical professionals, who, abusing their profession, shall cause abortion or co-operate with her, incur the penalty of five to twenty years of public works, if the abortion is done. ...

In all cases of this article, (those guilty) of crimes may be, in addition to the principal penalty, sentenced to ancillary subject to high police surveillance for five years, without prejudice to any compensation that may be in favor of the aggrieved.

[Jacobson note: The Dominican Republic Constitution and Penal Code above are mostly consistent with the Laws of God and corresponding Laws of Nature created by Him, which require civil government, as a foremost duty, to exercise lawful authority to protect innocent human life. They comply with the Universal Law by guaranteeing “The right to life is inviolable from conception to death,” and by protecting pregnant mothers and unborn children. But they violate that Law by prohibiting the death penalty, and minimizing the penalties for murdering unborn children or causing a woman to abort her child.]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Código Penal.

Art. 317. El que por medio de alimentos, brevajes, medicamentos, sondeos, tratamientos o de otro modo cualquiera, causare o cooperare directamente a causar el aborto de una mujer embarazada, aun cuando ésta consienta en él, será castigado con la pena de reclusión. La misma pena se impondrá a la mujer que causare un aborto o que consintiere en hacer uso de las substancias que con ese objeto se le indiquen o administren o en someterse a los medios abortivos, siempre que el aborto se haya efectuado. Se impondrá la pena de prisión de seis meses a dos años a las personas que hayan puesto en relación o comunicación una mujer embarazada con otra persona para que le produzca el aborto, siempre que el aborto se haya efectuado, aun cuando no hayan cooperado directamente al aborto. Los médicos, cirujanos, parteras, enfermeras, farmacéuticos y otros profesionales médicos, que, abusando de su profesión, causaren el aborto o cooperaren a él, incurrirán en la pena de cinco a veinte años de trabajos públicos, si el aborto se efectuare. ...

En todos los casos de este artículo, los reos de los delitos podrán ser condenados, además de la pena principal, a la accesoria de sujeción a la vigilancia de la alta policía por cinco años, sin perjuicio de las indemnizaciones que puedan resultar en favor de los agraviados.