

# Artist's Statement by Abria

I titled this piece "CONSCIENTIOUS" after the Merriam-Webster Dictionary's definition, that states, "guided by one's own sense of right and wrong."

On the surface, it would seem that this is a conflict of interest on my part. Because if I had my way, every baby would have a chance at life to make of it what he/she will.

That said though, I feel strongly about the rights of a woman to make her own choices. I do not make that statement without having skin in the game.

(dirty laundry), I once knowingly agreed to an abortion because my girlfriends at the time and I already had a daughter and things were tight. Cut to 32 years later, I find out through DNA that my daughter isn't biologically mine. Having no other children, did I help squander my chance all those years ago?

Still, as painful as that experience still is, the following words ring true to me. "Since a man can't make one, he has no right to tell a woman when and where to create one." (2pac Shakur).