

## ***Influence of Social Movements***

Read the following vignette highlighting one of several social movements. You will use this vignette to complete **M4 Assignment 2**.

Carole, a twenty-five-year-old white female, was having difficulty managing a variety of life issues. She grew up in a lower-middle-class family in a small town in the Midwest. Carole dropped out of school at the age of seventeen after she began hanging out with a group of teens who were frequently in trouble with the law. Carole began smoking marijuana, taking prescription pain medication, and drinking daily.

Despite her parents' requests, she refused to get a job to support herself or complete her General Equivalency Diploma (GED). After several reminders and numerous attempts to get her help, when Carole turned eighteen, her family asked her to leave.

Carole was angry and felt betrayed by her family. Her parents gave her \$100 and told her that it was time to be an adult. Carole did not have any place to go and initially managed by sleeping on friends' couches for a night at a time and eating ninety-nine-cent hamburgers.

Carole did not have a job, home, car, health insurance, or money. She finally got a job at a local diner where she waitressed, making minimum wage. Carole's job could not support her drinking and drug habits so she began providing sexual favors for money. At the age of twenty-five, Carole learned that she was pregnant. She did not know who the father was and did not have access to health care.

Carole was determined that she wanted to keep the baby, so she decided to clean up her act. She passed the GED high school equivalency test after completing a review course. She did not contact her parents to tell them of her pregnancy despite their attempts to contact her. Carole continued to work at the diner throughout her pregnancy but discontinued providing sexual favors. She attempted to abstain from drug use and drinking but still occasionally smoked marijuana and a half a pack of cigarettes a day.

Approximately six months into her pregnancy, Carole noticed that she began bleeding. She panicked and walked two miles to the emergency room. She waited in the emergency room for eight hours before she decided to leave after her bleeding stopped. Carole wanted to see a doctor but did not have the insurance or financial means to do so. Carole believed that it was unjust that some people could access health care and she could not. However, she did not know what services were available to her or how to access them.

In the middle of her seventh month of pregnancy, she began having contractions and returned to the emergency room. She delivered a premature baby boy that she named Jason. Aside from weighing two-and-a-half pounds, Jason had multiple complications, including respiratory problems, feeding difficulties, and blindness. Carole was uncertain of what to do or how to pay for his care.