

# Facts About Abortion

"Of course human life begins at conception." – Allene Klass, founder & CEO of Oregon's largest abortion clinic, testifying under oath

"Upon knowing God, I realized that my case, which legalized abortion on demand, was the biggest mistake of my life." – Norma McCorvey, better known as Jane Roe in "Roe vs. Wade"

"In my opinion it is a cruel method of dealing with the problem because abortion, no matter how well done, is a terrific nervous strain and an exhausting physical hardship." – Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood

"Empowerment for me as a woman began the day I handed in my resignation to Planned Parenthood. ... Abortion exploits women. Our goal is to show how motherhood empowers women. Women need to be empowered, not exploited." – Abby Johnson, former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic, CEO and founder of "And Then There Were None"

## What happens during the first trimester, when "early abortions" are performed?

Days after conception	An unborn baby's actions and developments
5 to 9 days	baby burrows into the womb's wall for safety and nourishment his or her gender can be determined by scientific means
18 to 21 days	eyes start to develop; heart is forming and pumps blood throughout the body
28 to 30 days	arms and legs are forming; brain has developed; body has multiplied in size 10,000 times
35 days (5 weeks)	mouth, ears, and nose are developing
40 days	brain waves and heartbeat can be detected
42 days (6 weeks)	skeleton is formed; brain controls movement of muscles and organs
45 days	"Though the embryo now only weighs 1/30 of an ounce, it has all the internal organs of an adult in various stages of development. It already has a little mouth with lips, an early tongue and buds for 20 milk teeth. Its sex and reproductive organs have begun to sprout."
8 weeks	hands and feet are almost perfectly formed
9 weeks	baby will bend fingers around an object placed in the palm fingernails are forming and the child sucks his or her thumb baby has already perfected a somersault, back flip, and scissor-kick baby responds to stimulus and may already be capable of feeling pain
10 weeks	the child squints, swallows, and frowns
11 weeks	the child urinates, makes a variety of facial expressions, and even smiles
12 weeks	the child is able to kick, turn feet, curl and fan toes, make fists, move thumbs, bend wrists, and open his or her mouth

All of these developments take place during the first trimester. In the **remaining 6 months** of the pregnancy, **nothing new develops** or begins functioning. Each and every surgical **abortion** in the United States **stops a beating heart** and stops already measurable brain waves.

Planned Parenthood may perform an ultrasound (and charge money for it), but they often don't let the pregnant woman view the results. They admit it will make it more difficult for the woman to choose to have an abortion. Those who offer **abortions** are focused on **making money** off of those abortions. On the other hand, many **pregnancy resource centers** give **free ultrasounds** and freely let the woman view it. There are many pro-life organizations and pregnancy resource centers around the country that offer their services (counseling, support groups, diapers, clothing, and more) for free. They don't care about money; they simply want to protect life.

**In New York City, more black babies are aborted than are born.**

Abortion harms future babies	Abortion harms women	Abortion takes away choice
Abortion increases the chance of malformations in later children and the frequency of early death for infants born after their mothers have had abortions is 2 to 4 times the normal rate.	Women with one abortion double their risk of cervical cancer, while women with two or more abortions multiply their risk 5 times. Abortion also increases the risk of ovarian, liver, and breast cancer.	In surveys of women who had post-abortion complications: Over 90% said they weren't given enough information to make an informed choice.
At least 49 studies show an increase in premature births or low birth weight risk in women with prior abortions which can lead to infant mortality, disabilities, lower cognitive abilities, and greater behavioral problems.	Dozens of studies link abortion to a rise in sexual dysfunction, loss of intimacy, unexpected guilt, extramarital affairs, traumatic stress syndrome, personality fragmentation, child abuse, suicide, and increase in alcohol and drug abuse.	Over 80% said they probably would not have aborted if they had not been so strongly encouraged to abort by others, including their boyfriends, family, and abortion counselors.

**What about rape, incest, or a life-threatening condition? Let's ask people who've been there.**

"Nearly all the women interviewed in this anecdotal survey said they **regretted aborting the baby conceived via rape or incest**. Of those giving an opinion, more than 90 percent said they would discourage other victims of sexual violence from having an abortion. On the other hand, among the women profiled in the book who conceived due to rape or incest and carried to term, not one expressed regret about her choice."

From a study of parents who were told their newborn baby likely **would not live long yet chose to continue** the pregnancy: "**Absence of regret** was articulated in 97.5 percent of participants. **Parents valued the baby** as a part of their family and had opportunities to love, hold, meet, and cherish their child. Participants treasured the time together before and after the birth. Although emotionally difficult, parents articulated an empowering, transformative experience that lingers over time."

Legal Inconsistencies	Quotes From Early Feminists	Planned Parenthood's Racist History
At least 38 states, including California, have fetal homicide laws. A few states have laws against using drugs while pregnant, because it harms the fetus. All places in Oregon that serve alcohol must post a sign warning about the dangers alcohol poses to unborn babies.  "Consider the bizarre implications of this double standard. If a woman is scheduled to get an abortion, but on her way to the abortion clinic the baby is killed in-utero, the baby's killer will be prosecuted for murder. But if this murder doesn't occur, an hour later the doctor will be paid to perform a legal procedure to kill <i>exactly the same child</i> (in a way that is probably more gruesome)." – <i>Why Pro-Life?</i> , p. 41	Susan B. Anthony said, "I deplore the horrible crime of child murder.... No matter what the motive..., the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed."  Alice Paul, who drafted the original ERA, referred to abortion as "the ultimate exploitation of women."  Elizabeth Cady Stanton said, "When you consider women have been treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."	"More children from the fit, less from the unfit—this is the chief issue of birth control. We do not want word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population. Abortion was the wrong way—no matter how early it was performed it was taking a life. Contraception was the better way, the safer way." – Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood  Planned Parenthood intentionally targets minorities. The CDC reports that black women make up 6% of the U.S. population but have 35% of the abortions. The toll in black lives lost at Planned Parenthood since it first started doing abortions in 1970 is around 2.8 million, roughly 1/3 of their total number of abortions.

*"First, our core mission is providing, protecting and expanding access to abortion and reproductive health care. We will never back down from that fight - it's a fundamental human right and **women's lives are at stake.**" – Leana Wen, M.D., President of Planned Parenthood since November 2018*

**Lives are indeed at stake—the lives of millions of innocent babies.**

*I suggest Randy Alcorn's book, "Why Pro-Life?" for much more. Some information presented here comes from this book, especially chapters 3, 8, and 11. Other suggested resources include "Democrats for Life" by Kristen Day, AbbyJohnson.com, and preborn.org.*

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