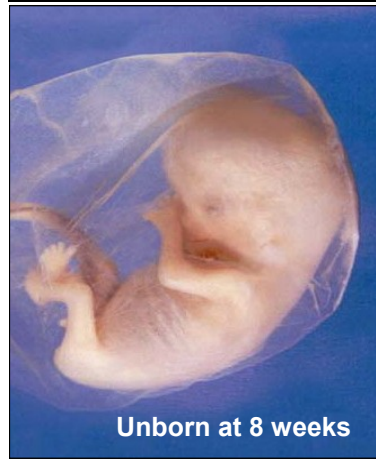


# After 38 years of Roe v. Wade, what do you know about abortion?



Unborn at 8 weeks

- ◆ An unborn baby's heart begins to beat with its own blood 18-25 days after conception, usually before the mother even knows she is pregnant.
- ◆ The current birth-rate in America is less than what is needed to maintain our population level.
- ◆ The right to live doesn't increase with age and size; otherwise toddlers and adolescents have less right to live than adults.
- ◆ When pictures of aborted babies are shown, people are outraged. Strangely they are not outraged that babies are being killed...only that someone had the audacity to show what they looked like after being killed.

**Over 54 million abortions since Roe. Every 26 seconds a baby dies from abortion.**

- ◆ Abortion clinic bombings and violence are rare, and are neither done nor endorsed by pro-life organizations.
- ◆ Because health is defined so broadly in Roe's companion case of Doe v. Bolton, **abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy.** In 1983 the Senate Judiciary Committee stated "...no significant legal barrier of any kind whatsoever exists today in the United States for a women to obtain an abortion during any stage of her pregnancy." There are more than 140,000 second and third trimester abortions each year.
- ◆ Statistics reveal a sharp rise in **child abuse** in countries that legalize abortion. It has dramatically increased in the US since 1973. It is illogical to argue that we will have less child abuse with abortion. It is the earliest form of abuse and the most deadly.
- ◆ Scientific evidence suggests abortion is **excruciatingly painful** for the unborn child. Some pro-abortion advocates have claimed that, since an unborn baby's brain is not fully developed until 29 weeks, the child will not feel pain during an abortion. But evidence from neonatal studies shows brain circuits start developing before 29 weeks of age and an incomplete circuit may cause **more pain** than a complete circuit. Any pain the unborn child experiences is **likely worse** than an older child or adult experiences.

- ◆ Across America, **many more couples are waiting to adopt** than there are children to adopt.
- ◆ For every **1,000 abortions**, there are only **16 infant adoptions.**
- ◆ There is a waiting list of families ready to adopt **children with Down Syndrome.**



- ◆ Numerous published studies confirm that abortion significantly raises the risk of **breast cancer.** Aborting a first pregnancy during the first trimester can double a woman's risk. Multiple abortions can triple or quadruple the risk.
- ◆ Abortion can produce many **serious medical problems.** For example, studies show that the risk of an ectopic or tubal pregnancy is twice as high for women who have had one abortion, and up to four times as high for women with two or more previous abortions. There has been a 300% increase of ectopic pregnancies since abortion was legalized.
- ◆ Studies have shown that women who have had abortions have **higher rates of suicide** than women who carry their pregnancies to term.
- ◆ Seventy percent of women who have had abortions say they would **not choose it again** if faced with an unplanned pregnancy.
- ◆ **Less than 1%** of all abortions are performed for health reasons.

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