



What Every American Needs to Know.

Few fully understand its heartbreaking, even deadly, aftermath for teens and women of all ages — especially when the abortion was unwanted, coerced or forced ... or if family, friends and even experts dismiss widespread coercion, unwanted abortions, injury and heartbreak ... or if they fail even to acknowledge those hurt or killed by pregnancy- and abortion-related violence or to acknowledge families who have lost a loved one in the aftermath of abortion.

For decades, many women and couples seeking facts and assistance were denied help when they needed it most, pressured from all sides, or given false or misleading information from trusted health care providers, experts, parents and even pastors. Some were told there was no available help. Others were deceived about fetal development and kept in the dark about alternatives, even though studies indicate the majority felt pressured by others or rushed and uncertain. Few were screened for unwanted, coerced or forced abortion. Now, they're left to absorb the significant, heartbreaking and sometimes deadly aftereffects alone.

Why are they calling abortion The UnChoice?

- 64% of women having abortions said they felt pressured to abort.¹
- 84% said they were not fully informed.¹
- 52% felt rushed and 54% uncertain beforehand¹, yet
- 67% received no counseling beforehand¹, and
- 79% were not informed about alternatives.¹
- Most suffer trauma symptoms¹ and face a significantly higher risk of injury or death after abortion.²
- Coercion can escalate to violence.³
- Homicide is the leading killer of pregnant women.³

This is not a free, fair or fully informed “choice.” Nor is it a just substitute for the full disclosure, authentic support, meaningful alternatives and other essentials that women need and deserve.

Those who would pressure or even force teens and women into unwanted abortions need to know that:

- Risk of death for women is 62% higher after abortion.⁴
- 31% suffer health complications after abortion.¹
- 65% suffer symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).¹
- 60% said “part of me died.”¹
- Teens are 6 times more likely to commit suicide if they've had an abortion in the last 6 months.⁵
- Clinical depression risk is 65% higher after abortion.⁶
- Suicide rates are 6 times higher after abortion.⁷

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Learn more about unwanted, coerced and even forced abortions; abortion risks and post-abortion healing ... including how you can help women, men and families hurt by abortion.

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