

Impact on Economy

There are over 55 million members of our society missing. With that many people gone from our society, it leaves a big gap in our economy. A decrease in the amount of people being born compared to the number of people aging is off balance due to abortion. Fewer workers are in the workforce which means fewer taxes are being paid which also leads to less money funding government programs.

This significantly impacts Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security. A Pew Research study showed that states with the highest levels of unemployment had the biggest decreases in birth rate. The number of working-age Americans is growing more slowly while the elderly population is growing larger. Since *Roe v. Wade*, abortion has robbed the American economy of 35 trillion dollars which comes from the loss of productivity by having fewer workers contributing to society.⁴

Far-Reaching Effects

Initially, abortion-on-demand cheapened the life of the unborn child, but the downward slide did not stop there. *Roe v. Wade* placed America on the edge of a slippery slope. And one does not have to be an expert to see how far we've fallen since 1973. For some, abortion is not merely an emergency measure to be taken in dire situations. Instead, destroying the unborn has become simply a form of birth control.

In 1973 Dr. Francis Schaeffer predicted that abortion would be the first step in a downward spiral:

“Of all the subjects relating to the erosion of the sanctity of human life, abortion is the keystone. It is the first and crucial issue that has been overwhelming in changing attitudes toward the value of life in general. ... Since life is being destroyed before birth, why not tamper with it on the other end? Will a society which has assumed the right to kill infants in the womb ... have difficulty in assuming the right to kill other human beings?”⁵

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ABORTION

==== The Impact and Risks ====



Surgical Risks

Because abortion is volatile politically, legislators have been wary of regulating clinics. As a result, practices that would never be tolerated in any other health care environment are “business as usual” in abortion clinics. Abortion clinics have been known to operate with no one on staff who has current CPR training, no one qualified to administer anesthesia, and no functioning emergency equipment. Some clinics even store emergency medications past expiration dates and leave sterile surgical supply items in a dirty washroom.

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Most states have some regulations on the books, but they often are not effectively enforced. There are 39 states that require licensed physicians and only Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Virginia require abortion clinics to meet the same patient care and safety standards as surgical centers or hospitals. Texas has recently undergone

these same types of stricter regulations for their abortion clinics which have forced 34 of its 41 abortion facilities to close down.¹ And in some other states that do have regulations, the regulations’ intent can be circumvented. In some states, the abortionist is the only staff member required to have medical training.

At least 15 states have investigated individual abortionists and abortion clinics for compromising the health and safety of their patients. Some women have died or left abortion clinics infertile, with a punctured uterus, or with infections caused by unsanitary conditions.

The “ABC” Link

Many studies scientifically demonstrate the link between abortion and breast cancer (ABC link). Still, abortion advocates attempt to explain away the evidence.

“When a woman becomes pregnant her body begins to go through biological changes in order to prepare for childbirth. Increased levels of estrogen during pregnancy cause a woman’s breasts to enlarge with cells that will eventually allow for milk production. By the time of a full-term birth these cells have differentiated into milk producing tissue and have stopped multiplying. These cells are resistant to cancer because they have been differentiated into a specific type of cell, and the cell multiplication process has been stopped. If a woman has an abortion before her 3rd trimester of pregnancy, her breasts are left with more undifferentiated cells that are more vulnerable to cancer than if she had never been pregnant.”²

Fifty-eight out of 74 worldwide studies dating as far back as 1957 have shown that abortion increases a woman’s risk of breast cancer.

The Emotional Effects



Although the physical risks of abortion are daunting, the emotional effects are every bit as painful and enduring. The recognition of post-abortion syndrome (PAS) has changed the thinking of many abortion advocates.

The American Journal of Psychiatry reported that of 500 post-abortive women studied, 43 percent showed immediate negative responses. That number grew to 50 percent in a later review. Additionally, up to 10 percent of the women surveyed were classified as having developed “serious psychiatric complications.”

Permanent Scar

While the physical and emotional risks of abortion are concerns, the most critical risk is spiritual destruction. Both men and women experience soul-deep scars.

Abortion is not, has never been, and never will be safe. It violates the natural order and goes against God’s will. It comes with a very high price tag: a woman’s physical and emotional well-being and the psychological health of her entire family. Abortion hurts the lives of everyone it touches.

Impact on Women



In the past, fear and respect have motivated people to make responsible sexual choices. But since Roe divided sex from reproduction, people stopped being responsible for the consequences of their actions. Exercising so-called “equality,” women began engaging in sex with little discretion. When the inevitable unwanted pregnancies resulted, abortionists were waiting. Thirty to fifty percent of post-abortive women reports experiencing sexual dysfunctions, of both short and long duration, beginning immediately after their abortions. Problems may include one or more of the following: loss of pleasure from intercourse, increased pain, an aversion to sex and/or males in general, or the development of a promiscuous life-style.³

Impact on Men

Just as abortion demands that women violate their natural inclination to nurture, it forces men to reject their role as provider and protector. The new life should motivate the man to embrace new levels of responsibility. Instead, he acts against his instincts, destroying what he should most vehemently defend—his own child.



These feelings can haunt men for years often leading to anger, depression, resentment, and a suppression of emotions.