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# **PRO-LIFE CHAMPIONS**

**— Standing for the Value of —  
Life in a Culture of Misinformation**

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## Introduction

In today's world of information overload, it's crucial to be able to distinguish between facts and misleading or deceptive information. At SBA Pro-Life America, we're committed to sharing the realities of abortion and providing a voice of truth amid the confusing language often used by the "pro-choice" movement.

Big Abortion exploits uncertainty to manipulate and control women who are often vulnerable and fearful when facing an unexpected pregnancy.

As misinformation spreads, terms become confusing, and motives are concealed. It's more important than ever for those fighting for life in the pro-life movement to stand firm for the value of human life, the unborn, and their mothers.

The abortion lobby feels threatened as more and more people recognize that babies in the womb are not just "clumps of cells" but deserve our utmost protection and respect. Abortion extremists fill the media, our social feeds, and inboxes with false information making the truth obscured and sometimes hard to come by.

Today we need more pro-life champions to engage in meaningful conversations for the sake of the unborn and their mothers, opening more eyes to the truth and the value of human life. As you know, this is how we win - one meaningful and truthful conversation at a time.

Join us in examining four key questions in the fight for life, comparing "pro-choice" explanations with the truths SBA Pro-Life America fights for every day. You can be prepared to discuss these topics during your next pro-life conversation and stand for life.

Together, we can make real progress for the unborn and their mothers.



## What Is Abortion?

### Here's What Big Abortion Says:

Planned Parenthood defines abortion as “a safe and effective way to end a pregnancy. There are two kinds of abortion in the US - in-clinic abortion and the abortion pill.” They go on to say, “Abortion is common, and people have abortions for many different reasons. Only you know what’s best for you, but good information and support can help you make the decision that’s best for your own health and well-being.” When asked about what a woman can think through when deciding, Planned Parenthood suggests, “Decisions about your pregnancy are personal. There are lots of things to consider, and it’s totally normal to have many different feelings and thoughts when making this decision. That’s why it’s important to get factual, non-judgmental information about abortion. Support from family, friends, partners, and other people you trust can also be helpful. But the decision is 100% yours.”<sup>1</sup>

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### Here's the Truth:

Abortion is the tragic and intentional ending of an innocent human life. It is a decision that silences a human heartbeat, extinguishes the spark of potential, and robs an unborn baby of the opportunity to experience the wonders of life.

While Big Abortion would want you to think otherwise, when an abortion is successful, a baby ALWAYS dies in the process. It isn't safe for anyone and it should never be thought of as "common" or "normal."

Every human being, from the moment of conception, possesses an inherent right to life. This right is not based on age, stage of development, or any other external factor; it is simply a fundamental right that is sacred and should be protected.

The decision to end an unborn life through any method of abortion is a violation of this sacred right, a transgression against the very essence of humanity. Sadly, over the last 10 years, Planned Parenthood alone has been responsible for the deaths of 3.4 million babies, and they are proud of this tragic fact.

Women and their unborn babies deserve better than the grim reality of abortion. Every human life from the moment of conception holds immense value and merits the utmost protection.

### What Does the Science Say?

A new human being forms at the moment of fertilization, when a man's sperm fuses with a woman's egg, creating a zygote. Within the next two decades, this zygote will become a 30-trillion-cell adult. The zygote has a unique DNA sequence that creates his or her biological individuality.

There is enough genetic variation that no two humans have been or ever will be genetically identical. <sup>2</sup>

This is why Big Abortion can't claim they are getting rid of a "clump of cells" or "tissue" during the abortion process. They are, in fact, killing a human being and ending a bright future that became possible at the moment of fertilization.





## Isn't Abortion Health care?

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### Here's What Big Abortion Says:

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists considers abortion an "essential component of women's healthcare." They say, "Like all medical matters, decisions regarding abortion should be made by patients in consultation with their health care providers and without undue interference by outside parties. Like all patients, women obtaining abortion are entitled to privacy, dignity, respect, and support."<sup>3</sup>

"Many factors influence or necessitate a woman's decision to have an abortion. They include, but are not limited to, contraceptive failure, barriers to contraceptive use and access, rape, incest, intimate partner violence ... illness during pregnancy, and exposure to teratogenic medications."

### Here's the Truth:

Abortion is not healthcare because it intentionally ends an unborn baby's life. Healthcare is meant to promote and protect life at any stage, not end it. So, abortion by definition goes against the basic principles of healthcare. We really can't call something what it's not despite what politicians, the media, or Planned Parenthood say.

Abortion kills unborn babies through surgical or chemical means depending on the development stage of the baby. Both methods of ending a child's life are gruesome and pose a threat to women and their futures. Numerous horror stories have been shared about what happens inside abortion facilities and the babies that are discarded. And while advertised as safe and easy,

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abortion drugs can send women to the hospital with complications. So, does abortion sound like healthcare to you yet?

Medical treatments are meant to cure or relieve disease or injury while abortion does not treat any medical condition for the mother or the child. Instead, it intentionally ends the life of the unborn child.

Further, women who have abortions often face lasting, negative physical and emotional consequences. Physical complications can include bleeding, infection, and problems with future pregnancies, while psychological complications can include anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of SBA Pro-Life America, wisely commented, "Abortion is the only medical procedure that intentionally ends an innocent human life." She goes on to say, "Women deserve better than abortion. They deserve access to quality healthcare, including prenatal care, childbirth support, and postpartum care. They also deserve support from their families, communities, and the government as they raise their children."

"Pro-choice" organizations try to distance themselves from the truth and the actual killing of babies by giving gruesome topics sanitized names. They call abortion an "essential component of women's healthcare" when really it's destructive for women and deadly for their unborn babies.

### What Does the Science Say?

Some people say that abortion benefits women because it prevents deaths associated with childbirth, which some claim are more common than deaths from abortion. However, the data on abortion-related deaths in the United States are incomplete, especially when it comes to mental health issues. This makes it difficult to draw firm conclusions from U.S. data alone.

When researchers look at international data, they find that women are 2-4 times more likely to die from any cause within a year of an abortion than they are within a year of childbirth. Women are also 6-7 times more likely to die from suicide within a year of an abortion than within a year of childbirth.<sup>4</sup>

Another common argument is that abortion benefits women financially and is necessary for their economic advancement. While women often report financial reasons for seeking an abortion, and abortion can avoid the short-term costs of childbirth and child-rearing, peer-reviewed data suggests that abortion may not always have a positive long-term economic impact on women.



## Aren't Abortion Drugs Safe?

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### Here's What Big Abortion Says:

Here's how Planned Parenthood describes "abortion pills" or abortion drugs:

*"Medication abortion -also called the abortion pill -is a safe and effective way to end an early pregnancy."*

What is the abortion pill?

"Abortion pill" is the common name for using two different medicines to end a pregnancy: mifepristone and misoprostol. You can also use misoprostol alone to have an abortion.

First, you take a pill called mifepristone. Pregnancy needs a hormone called progesterone to grow normally. Mifepristone blocks your body's own progesterone, stopping the pregnancy from growing.

Then you take the second medicine, misoprostol, either right away or up to 48 hours later. This medicine causes cramping and bleeding to empty your uterus. It's kind of like having a really heavy, crampy period, and the process is very similar to an early miscarriage. If you don't have any bleeding within 24 hours after taking misoprostol, call your nurse or doctor.

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Your doctor or nurse may give you both medicines at the health center. In some states, you can do a virtual visit and have the abortion drugs mailed to you or pick them up at a local pharmacy. Some states have laws that say you must come to the health center for a separate visit before you get the abortion drugs.

Your doctor or nurse will give you detailed directions about where, when, and how to take the medicines. And they'll talk with you about medicines to manage side effects, like cramp pain and nausea."<sup>5</sup>

### Here's the Truth:

More than half of all U.S. abortions today use abortion drugs, even though they are dangerous for mothers and deadly for unborn babies.

Big Abortion calls abortion drugs "safe" and "pain-free" and even promotes their delivery of them in the mail, but 63% of Americans oppose this method because of the risk of these dangerous drugs.<sup>6</sup>

Abortion drugs have been linked to serious complications, including infection, hemorrhaging, and even death. In fact, the FDA issued a black box warning for abortion drugs, which is the strongest warning the agency can give.

The team at SBA Pro-Life America has heard story after story of women who in their desperation and vulnerability took abortion drugs to end a pregnancy and ended up in the hospital near death themselves. But Big Abortion doesn't care about these women. It's another day of business despite the women they hurt and the babies they destroy.

In the summer of 2021, we saw that even the FDA bent to the will of Big Abortion when it loosened safety standards on abortion drugs and allowed them to be sent through the mail to vulnerable women and girls despite the well-known dangers of these drugs.

The agency ignored the science and its own rules, resulting in the loss of more innocent lives. They simply approved the drugs and played political games with the lives of unborn babies and women.

We also know the majority of Americans do not want abortion drugs sent through the mail, let alone taken without visiting a doctor.<sup>7</sup> Any home, hotel room, or dorm room can become an abortion facility, and any woman, even a teenager, can become the administrator of her own abortion with significant risks:



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- They can fail to end the life of a child. This can lead to a number of complications, including infection, and hemorrhage.
- Abortion drugs are not effective at ending an ectopic pregnancy, which left untreated can be life-threatening.
- They can cause serious side effects including heavy bleeding, severe cramping, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and chills.
- They can be deadly to both the unborn and his or her mother.

Abortion drugs are even riskier than surgical abortion with four times the complication rate. Women and even girls who take abortion drugs provided by their abortionist directly or by mail may not be able to get the help they need if they experience complications after taking the drugs alone. This form of abortion can also lead to negative mental and emotional outcomes - anxiety, depression, and even guilt.

SBA Pro-Life America's State policy director, Katie Glenn Daniel, said in a recent press release:

"The Democrats have spent decades insisting abortion is 'between a woman and her doctor.' Now they have made mail-order abortion drugs between a woman and a chatbot, filled by any random person, hundreds or thousands of miles away, who isn't there to intervene to save her life in an emergency . . . In their minds, there are no state borders. They don't care what the laws are or how many women die."

### What Does the Science Say?

The FDA claims that abortion drugs are safe, yet peer-reviewed research confirms a 500% increase in the rate of abortion-drug-related emergency room visits over a recent 15-year period. The FDA claims that complications are rare, yet peer-reviewed research from the United States, Finland, and Sweden confirms the abortion pill has a much higher complication rate than surgical abortion.

- The use of abortion drugs greatly increases the risk of an emergency room visit within 30 days, when compared to rates following a surgical abortion.
- The rate of abortion-related ER visits is growing faster for abortion drugs than surgical abortions.
- Having more than one abortion by abortion drugs is associated with an even higher risk of an ER visit.
- Over 60% of abortion-related ER visits following taking abortion drugs were miscoded as treatment for a miscarriage.



## What is Abortion On Demand?

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### Here's What Big Abortion Says:

In a 2023 statement, Planned Parenthood President Alexis McGill Johnson said, *"We believe that abortion is health care, and we believe, fundamentally, that self-determination begins with being able to control your own body and freedom begins with being able to control your own body."*<sup>9</sup>

We know roughly 56,000 abortions happen at or beyond 15 weeks in the most recent year for which we have reliable data. But despite the painful deaths of these innocent boys and girls, Big Abortion and its government allies are fighting intensely to have abortion-on-demand enshrined in our country's constitution.

Planned Parenthood supports abortion-on-demand, which means no limits on abortion, even commonsense policies like waiting periods, parental notification laws, or limits on late-term abortions when babies can feel pain. In fact, Johnson also said, *"I do believe that the government's role in this is minimal if non-existent, and these decisions, for a woman to be able to make them, it's critical"*

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*for her to be able to have to have the folks that she chooses around to make them with her . . . .”<sup>10</sup>*

Planned Parenthood argues that abortion is a fundamental right that should be available to all women, regardless of their income, race, or zip code. The organization also argues that abortion is a safe and effective medical procedure that should be treated like any other medical decision.

### Here's the Truth:

While "pro-choice" organizations like Planned Parenthood paint a rosy picture of abortion-on-demand, calling it a "fundamental right," the reality is anything but.

Across the country, abortion extremists are trying to enshrine abortion-on-demand into state constitutions, allowing abortions at ANY TIME during pregnancy, including up until birth. This abortion-on-demand regime would also allow minor girls to have abortions without ANY parental consent. And taxpayers would be forced to foot the bill.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of SBA Pro-Life America, says, "Abortion-on-demand is the ultimate exploitation of women and their children. It's a lie that tells women they're not capable of making their own decisions and that they need to be protected from themselves. It's also a lie that tells women their children aren't valuable human beings but rather burdens to be disposed of."

Abortion-on-demand desensitizes people to the taking of human life and contributes to a culture of violence, undermining the value of all human life.

### What Does the Science Say?

Did you know that by 34 weeks, a baby is ready to learn? Neurons are creating 40,000 new connections, called synapses, every second! With repeated exposures, the baby can learn flavors, nursery rhymes, songs, and even words that she will recognize after birth! At 40 weeks, the lungs finish maturing and the baby is born! For most newborns, they can already identify their mothers simply by smell, voice, or a silent video of their face.

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Doesn't abortion at this stage of development sound completely barbaric? And yet, abortion-on-demand—allowing the killing of babies at this stage of development—is legal in many U.S. states.

Abortion at any time after the moment of conception is such a tragedy because a child's bright future is cut short. Abortion-on-demand is also completely inhumane and violent because a fully developed baby that could otherwise be born alive can be killed by an abortionist.

The United States is just one of a handful of countries around the world - including North Korea and China - that allow such horrific abortion practices. Despite this fact, many states are attempting to cement the “right” to an abortion into their constitutions.



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### About SBA Pro-Life America:

Marjorie Dannenfelser and a group of pro-life women founded Susan B. Anthony List, Inc in 1992 as the political arm of the pro-life movement. Named after the influential suffragist who also fiercely opposed abortion, SBA Pro-Life America seeks to embody the courageous spirit of our namesake through our leadership of the pro-life movement. Since our founding, SBA Pro-Life America has grown into a nationwide network of more than 1,000,000 Americans committed to protecting the unborn.

Our full family of organizations is united in the singular mission of saving innocent and vulnerable human lives. We work cooperatively to meet the pro-life movement's need to maximize election outcomes and to enhance policy research and education for policymakers and the public.

We combine politics with policy, investing heavily in voter education to ensure that pro-life Americans know where their lawmakers stand on protecting the unborn, and in issue advocacy, advancing pro-life laws through direct lobbying and grassroots campaigns.

Learn more about the movement and how you can get involved at [sbapro-life.org](http://sbapro-life.org).

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