

## ABORTION

**Abortion statistics:** (compiled from various sources)

US estimate: 1.2 - 1.5 Million/year – US totals 1943 – 2002: 43.4 Million

China estimate: 10 Million/year (1992) – China totals: 1971 – 2002: 290 Million

USSR estimate: 1957 – 1990: 250 Million

Worldwide estimates: 36 - 53 Million/year

**TOTAL (worldwide) 1920 - 2002: 705,000,000 to 883,000,000**

How many of your potential friends lost their lives to abortion?

Live births ~ 4 Million/year

>25% of pregnancies end in abortions

Roe vs. Wade: January 1973, US Supreme Court decision makes abortions legal.

How much does an abortion cost?

\$350 - >\$1650 – sliding scale based on number of weeks of gestation

Who profits from abortions?

**How do they do the procedure?** The standard method of abortion during the first trimester is called suction curettage. This is a very safe procedure in which the contents of the uterus are removed by gentle suction. The entire process takes about 5 - 10 minutes.  
<http://www.ppmrcer.org/services/abortionFAQ.shtml>

When does life start?

- Conception?
- Birth?
- Sometime in between?

Where does the word fetus come from and what does it mean?

- Latin word meaning: "little one" or "offspring"

Do state-of-the-art 3D ultrasounds make it more difficult to claim that the "fetus" is just a "mass of tissue."

Are there theological reasons to support abortion?

**Some arguments from Rev. Davidson Loehr**

- Definition of god; symbol of the highest ideals concerning important things of life...does not refer to a "critter."

- god demands quality over quantity (human life).

- individuals living in "in-humane" conditions should be having more abortions. These places include "Mexico City, ghettos all over the world, and the Robert Taylor Housing Projects (Chicago)

- Babies should only be born to people who want them.

- Minorities find it very difficult to find people to adopt their children so more of them should have abortions.

- Women encouraged to have an unwanted child are being asked to be "breeders" for wealthier (higher class) people.

- Nazi's misapplied natural selection and hence, Darwinism. The Nazis were trying to preserve and promote a master race while Loehr is trying to raise the entire human race by encouraging the killing the unborn of those who can't be raised to a high enough level.

- Had a problem with friends who aborted a 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester baby that had a cleft palate. Doesn't favor sex selection abortions.

- Pro-life churches have no women ministers.



**3D ultrasound showing baby sticking his tongue out.**  
<http://www.3dsono.net/>

What does the Bible say about issues relevant to abortion?

*If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth . . .—Exodus 21:22-25*

*Thou shalt not murder. — Exodus 20:13*

*For you formed my inward parts: you covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Your works; and that my soul knows very well." — Psalms 139: 13-14*

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. - Jeremiah 1:5*