

10 Fast Facts

About Abortion's Injustice and Injury to Women

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1. 64% of women having abortions felt pressured by others.¹ Coercion can escalate to violence or even murder.^{1, 2}
2. 52% felt rushed and 54% were not sure about the decision at the time, yet an astounding 67% received *no* counseling beforehand.¹
3. 84% reported that they did not receive adequate counseling.¹
4. 79% were not informed about available alternatives.¹
5. 31% of women suffered health complications after abortion.¹ 10% suffer immediate complications, one-fifth of which are life-threatening.³
6. Women have a 65% higher risk of clinical depression after abortion compared to women who give birth.⁴
7. 65% suffer multiple symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder after abortion.¹
8. Death rates from all causes are 3.5 times higher among women who abort, compared to women who give birth.⁵
9. 60% said "part of me died," according to a survey of women who aborted.¹
10. Suicide rates are 6 times higher compared to women who give birth.⁶

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