

## Top 10 Reasons Abortion is the Un-Choice

A pattern of injustices dressed up as “choice” ...

1. **The rhetoric of choice hides the reality of coercion.**
2. **Abortion is often someone else’s “choice.” 64% of American women who have had abortions felt pressured by others.<sup>1</sup>**
3. **Pressure is significant. Her “choices” may involve loss of home, family or essential support, or abuse that can escalate to violence.<sup>2</sup> Homicide is the leading killer of pregnant women.<sup>3</sup>**
4. **Coercion can take many forms, including undisclosed, misleading or false information about fetal development and alternatives.<sup>4</sup>**
5. **Even though the majority felt rushed and uncertain, 67% received no counseling; 79% were not told about alternatives.<sup>1</sup>**
6. **Abortion is often a woman’s last choice, but her abuser’s first choice.<sup>2</sup> Teens face an especially high risk for coercion.<sup>5</sup>**
7. **Many Americans who pushed family or friends to abort were also deceived – by experts, authorities or even pastors – about fetal development, alternatives and risks.<sup>4,6</sup>**
8. **The overall death rate of women rises 3.5 times after an abortion.<sup>7</sup> Suicide rates are 6 times higher after an abortion.<sup>8</sup>**
9. **65% report symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder they attribute to their abortions.<sup>1</sup>**
10. **“We were maiming at least one woman a month.” – Carol Everett, former abortion clinic operator**

**It wasn’t safe. It wasn’t fair. It wasn’t about “choice.”**

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