

REACHOUT WOMEN'S CENTER



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REACHOUT'S SERVICES

SERVICES ARE **CONFIDENTIAL** & **FREE!!**

- Pregnancy Testing
- Counseling
 - Pregnancy & Lifestyle
 - Post-Abortion
- Ultrasound
- Referral
- Material Support
 - Diapers
 - Maternity Clothes
 - Baby Food & Formula
 - Layettees
 - Infant & Toddler Clothes





ABORTION

“If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people to not kill each other? Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want.” ~ Mother Theresa

GOALS OF THE PRESENTATION

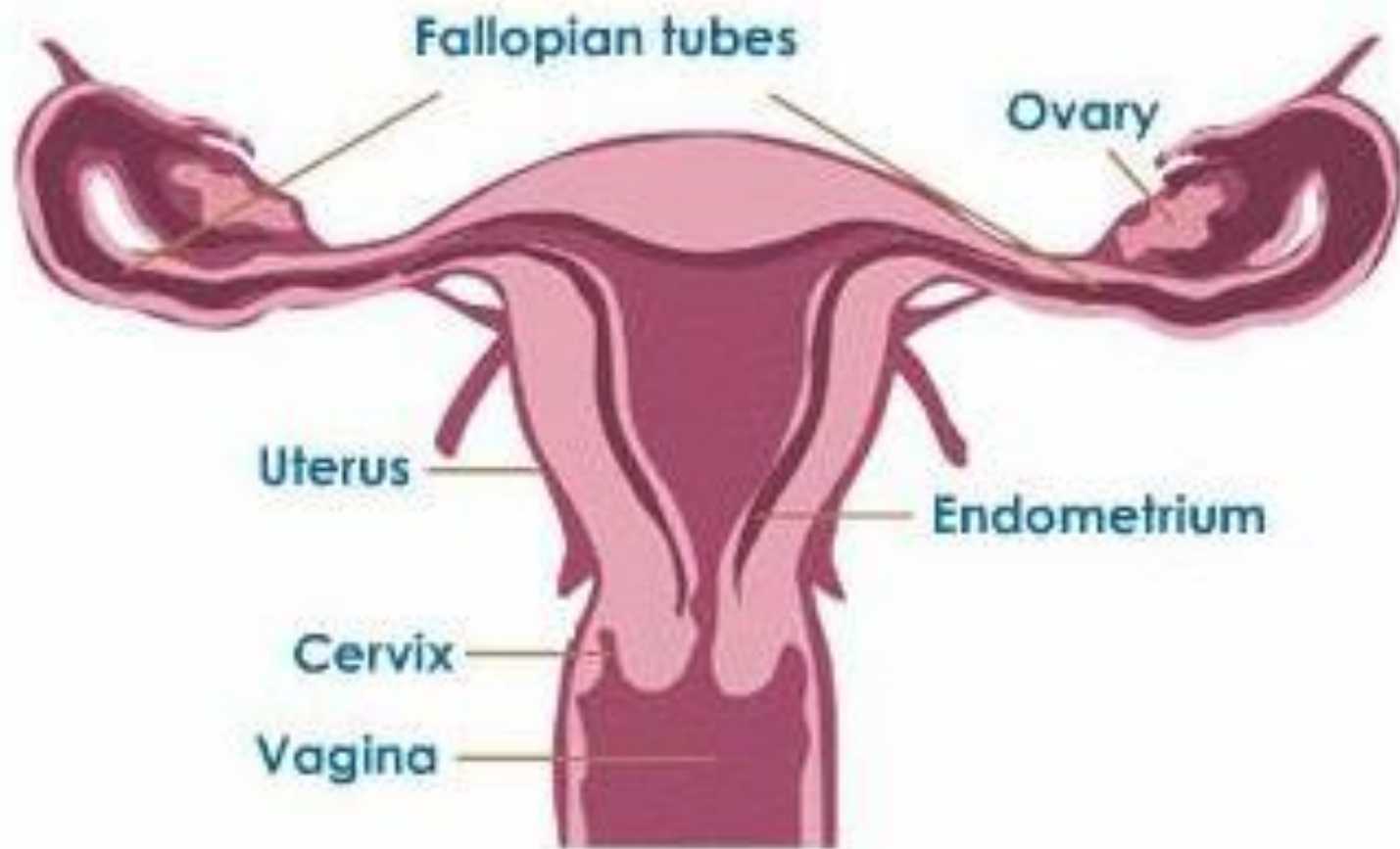
- Review embryologic development
- What lies behind the current abortion debate
- Review Some History of Abortion in the US
- Discuss current Abortion statistics and procedures
- Report stats on reasons cited for abortion





PREGNANCY & ABORTION

MEDICAL DEFINITIONS QUICK REVIEW



Female Reproductive System Seen from the Front





WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN?

At the moment of conception, events are set into motion that are irrevocable and undeniable

- 5-9 days – attachment to uterus
- 21 days – heartbeat
- 28 days – arms and legs form
- 5 wks – 1/3” long and skeleton forms
- 8 wks – **feels pain*?** and sucks thumb
- 12 wks – all organs complete
- 16 wks – quickening
- 20 wks – **feels pain**, hair, recognizes sounds,
- **22-24 weeks VIABLE!!**
- 28 wks – growth and weight gain
- 36-40 wks – ready to go!!



THE ABORTION DEBATE

- No one denies fetus is human being.
- The debate is over “Personhood”

○ Pro-Life	Pro-Choice
○ Human person <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Right to life	Human but not a person No right to life

- Philosophical definition of person includes consciousness
- Legal definitions varied



IS AN UNBORN BABY A PERSON?

- Jeremiah 1:5

- *Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you*

- Psalm 139:13

- *For you formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.*

- Luke 1:15

- *And he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.*



SLAVERY ABORTION ANALOGY

DENIAL OF PERSONHOOD

SLAVERY

- Dred Scott Decision, 7-2
- Slavery was found to be legal
- African American = non-person
- Property of owner
- Choice to buy, sell, kill
- Conventional Wisdom at the time :
Abolitionists should not impose
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- Conventional Wisdom Today:
Pro-lifers should not impose
their morality on women
seeking abortions



HISTORY OF ABORTION

- 19th Century – American Medical Association opposes abortion noting: Life begins at conception
- 1923 – Margaret Sanger establishes the American Birth Control League, advocating birth control. In 1942 it becomes Planned Parenthood.
- 1960s – Challenges to existing abortion laws in various states results in liberalizing the laws and penalties against abortion
- 1973 – Roe vs. Wade is taken to the Supreme Court and results in the legalization of abortion
- 1992 – The Supreme Court reaffirms abortion rights



ABORTION NUMBERS

- Over *57 million* babies have been aborted since 1973 in 42 years
 - *1,060,000 in 2011**

Planned Parenthood is the single largest abortion provider in US accounting for 1/3 of all abortions.
- 51% of women who had an abortion had used a contraceptive method during the month they became pregnant
- Black women are 4.8x as likely as white women to have an abortion. Hispanic women are 2.7x as likely.
- 18% of abortions are performed on teens. >50% on women in 20's
- 70% self identify as protestant or Catholic
- Approximately *90%* of babies with Down's Syndrome are aborted
- 65% of abortions happen <8 weeks gestation#
- Approximately *51,000* babies are aborted after the 16th week in the US (4.8%) *12,700* after the 21st week
- 42% have incomes below 100% of poverty level



TYPES OF ABORTION

○ First Trimester

- IUD
- “Morning After Pills” “Plan B not likely?”
- RU-486 – Abortion Pill given 4-8wks
- Suction Curettage– up to 13wks



○ Second Trimester

- Dilation & Evacuation (D&E) – done from 13-20wks
- Prostaglandin Abortion

○ Third Trimester

- **Digoxin and KCL injection**
- Dilation & Extraction (D&X) – done from 32wks until birth
- Aka Partial Birth Abortion Illegal since 2003



IMPACT OF ABORTION ON MEN

- Feeling of Powerlessness
- Fear for the Woman's Health
- The Forgotten Victim
- Feeling of Rejection

- Change in the relationship of the couple



WHY WOMEN CHOOSE ABORTION*

- 3/4 women cite financial reasons or a baby would interfere with work , school or other children
- It's legal, convenient,
- Failed contraceptive: 51% had been using another type of contraceptive method at time of abortion (27% condoms 17% hormonal)
- Inappropriate age
- Child with a disability
- Concern for her own health

FEAR is the overriding emotion:

Fear that their life is changed forever, fear of losing opportunity in college or work, fear of losing their boyfriend, fear of facing family or peers, fear that they cannot raise a child.



RESOURCES, REFERENCES, & WEB PAGES

- www.priestsforlife.org
- www.internationallifeservices.org
- www.lovematters.com
- www.heritagefoundation.org
 - Go to life and family issues and select Roe v. Wade
- www.Abort73.com
- www.hopeafterabortion.com
- www.dianedew.com/sanger
- www.usccb.org
- www.pewforum.org
- www.Silentnomore.org
- www.guttmacher.org
- www.CDC.gov

