

ABORTION RIGHTS

In the United States as of 2014...

60% of women having abortions were in their 20s

59% had one or more children

86% were unmarried

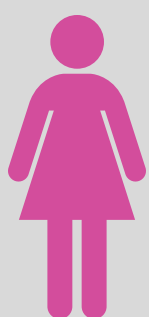
75% were economically disadvantaged

62% reported a religious affiliation

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The debate over whether or not abortion should be a legal option continues to divide Americans long after the US Supreme Court's 7-2 decision on *Roe v. Wade* declared the procedure a "fundamental right" on Jan. 22, 1973.

KEY FACTS



1 IN 4 U.S. WOMEN

or 23.7%, will have an abortion by age 45. By age 20, 4.6% of women will have had an abortion, and 19% will have done so by age 30.



2/3 OF ABORTIONS OCCUR AT EIGHT WEEKS

of pregnancy or earlier; 89% occur in the first 12 weeks.



6 IN 10

women who have abortions have already had a child.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PROS

- The US Supreme Court has declared abortion to be a "fundamental right" guaranteed by the US Constitution.
- Reproductive choice empowers women by giving them control over their own bodies.
- Personhood begins after a fetus becomes "viable" or after birth, not at conception.
- Fetuses are incapable of feeling pain when most abortions are performed.
- Access to legal, professionally-performed abortions reduces maternal injury and death caused by unsafe, illegal abortions.

CONS

- Abortion is murder.
- Life begins at conception, so unborn babies are human beings with a right to life.
- Fetuses feel pain during the abortion procedure.
- Abortions reduce the number of adoptable babies.
- Abortion promotes a culture in which human life is disposable
- Abortion eliminates the potential societal contributions of a future human being.
- Selective abortion based on genetic abnormalities (eugenic termination) is overt discrimination.