

From Back Alley to Front Boulevard

Planned Parenthood ads command: "Don't wait until women are dying again. Keep abortion safe and legal." National NOW, NARAL, and Planned Parenthood organizations are pumping big money into Oregon to pay for T.V. ads to brainwash Oregonians: "Don't make her go back to the back alley. Vote 'no' on Measures 8 and 10." What are the facts?

- With the 1973 legalization of abortion, back alley abortionists, most of whom were doctors, moved to the front boulevard. Today, clinics are still unregulated, many are unsanitary, with untrained staff and inadequate equipment for emergency situations.
- When abortion is once again prohibited by law, the same doctors will be doing the abortions, using the same instruments in the same unregulated clinics, but with far fewer patients.
- In a survey of 252 aborted women, 73% said they would not have sought an abortion if it had not been legally available and only 8% said they would have sought an illegal abortion.¹
- The only time a woman is forced to get an abortion is when the abortion is against her will, as in China, or in America for a girl threatened into a legal abortion.
- The woman always has a choice not to seek back alley abortion. The baby has no choice.

LEGAL OR LETHAL?

The multi-million dollar abortion industry, population controllers and sexual hedonists, would like us to believe that abortion is a quick, consequence-free procedure for ending a pregnancy. Contrary to their rhetoric, women are still dying from so-called "safe and legal" abortion in front alley clinics. Carol Everett, one of the many abortionists quitting this gruesome business, sold her Texas clinics in 1985 and gave the money to prolife. She admits: "We were killing or maiming one woman out of 500...we did not report complications..." and when abortion workers got together a routine topic of conversation was, "How are you covering up a death?" She knew of 1200 abortions per month being done in her city that were reported to no one.²

Why don't we know about abortion deaths? Obviously, no doctor is going to say, "This woman is dead and I did it." Death certificates list causes such as pelvic infection, ectopic pregnancy, suicide, cardiac or pulmonary embolism, hemorrhage, etc. — all secondary complications from the primary cause of abortion. Many deaths occur weeks later in a different facility. Most abortionists require cash payment; patient records are easily discarded or falsified. Confidentiality laws keep the patient's name off records. Because abortionists control voluntary or required reporting, we must regard all abortion statistics as incomplete, and inaccurate.

Making abortion legal does not make it safe. The same special interest groups who manipulated the court system to impose abortion on demand upon America, are the same groups who used the court to strike down clinic regulations, reporting requirements, and informed consent for women seeking abortion. Now they wave coathangers, trying to convince everyone that restricting abortion will drive women to the "dangerous" back alley.

FRONT ALLEY ABORTION CLINICS

In Autumn, 1989, an investigation of abortuaries in Florida un-

covered ghastly conditions and reports of grisly deaths and injuries. These clinics had been in operation for 16 years. Before that, the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper had run a series of articles on abortion clinics which shocked the nation. Four of the largest abortion clinics in Illinois were found to be filthy and substandard in every way. Untrained personnel were performing medical tasks. The abortionists were sadistic and women were dying from complications. Abortions were even being performed on non-pregnant women.

In Oregon, doctors are licensed as individuals by the Board of Medical Examiners. But their privately operated offices or clinics are neither licensed nor inspected. The Downtown Women's Center in Portland, Oregon is not licensed, has no sanitation or safety inspection, and is not certified for Medicare standards. Lovejoy Surgicenter in Portland is licensed as "ambulatory surgical center" and thus covered by some Oregon law.

Abortion clinics make high profits. Carol Everett tells of making her

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of NARAL and former director of a large New York abortion clinic where he performed and/or supervised 75,000 abortions, is now a prominent spokesman for the prolife movement. He admits that when they were using the figure of 5,000 to 10,000 maternal deaths per year from back alley abortions, "I knew the figures were totally false, and I suppose the others did too...But in the 'morality' of our revolution, it was a useful figure, widely accepted, so why go out of our way to correct it with honest statistics? The overriding concern was to get the laws eliminated and anything within reason that had to be done was permissible."

(Aborting America. Doubleday, 1979, p.193)

monthly income of \$13,000 at the rate of \$25/abortion in her Texas clinics. Doctors can make several thousand dollars in a partial day of performing abortions. By requiring cash payment, clinics may evade the IRS easily.

CHILDBIRTH SAFER THAN ABORTION

Testimonies of aborted women tell us that legal abortion has multiplied misery for thousands of women. Many suffer extensive infection, embolisms, hemorrhage, further surgery. Carol Everett, former abortionist, says: "A complication that is rarely publicized is the one in which the doctor perforates the uterus and pulls the bowel through the vagina, resulting in colostomy. Some can be reversed. Some must live with the colostomy for the remainder of their lives." Sterility increases fourfold for aborted women compared to non-aborted women, due to infection, damaged organs, or hysterectomy. Life-threatening ectopic pregnancies have increased 300% since 1973 legalized abortion. Abortion damage to the cervix causes a four to tenfold increase of future miscarriage or premature birth for aborted women. Therefore, numerous aborting women lose their future "choice" to have children.

Dr. Vincent Rue has documented the Post Abortion Syndrome which occurs when the grieving process is not completed. Many women tell of

experiencing anxiety, regret, guilt, hostility, self-reproach, nightmares. Members of WOMEN EXPLOITED BY ABORTION tell of their remorse, preoccupation with death, helpless despair, loss of interest in sex, feelings of being exploited, and the memory of physical pain. Some say they cannot vacuum their carpet because it reminds them of the powerful abortion suction machine.⁴ Others can't watch a baby without crying. A woman left in her "privacy" to deal with her trauma, may repress or deny feelings, and become isolated from others, unable to sustain intimate relationships. She may seek escape in sexual promiscuity, alcohol and drugs.

SUICIDE

Where is the pretty, smooth talking Planned Parenthood counselor when a depressed young woman attempts suicide after her abortion because she can't handle the guilt and "crashed" self-esteem.

- In Milwaukee, Minn. of 3,000 women calling the suicide hotline, 1800 had undergone abortions.⁵
- A Univ. of Minn. survey of 3500 high-school teens, found that girls who had abortions were four times more likely to attempt suicide than girls who had not aborted.⁶
- Suicides Anonymous in Cincinnati, Ohio, counseled 5620 persons in a 35-month period. 4000 were women. 1800 had abortions. 1400 were between 15-24 years old.⁷
- A Corvallis, Oregon woman shared: "My babysitter had an abortion. She committed suicide. I had to do the funeral because her parents were so devastated."

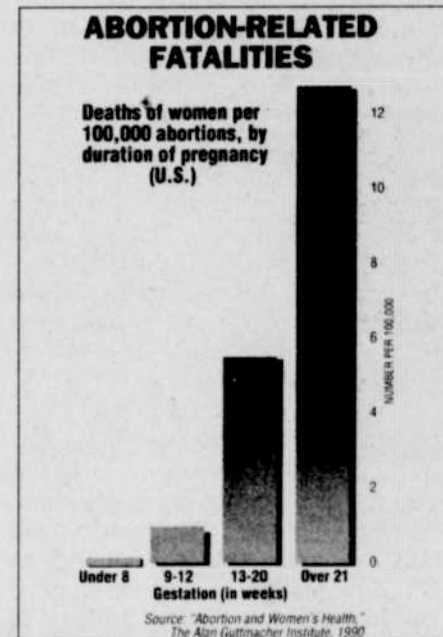
A woman has little "choice" in how she leaves an abortion clinic. Childbirth, a natural process for which her body is especially designed, is obviously safer than the violent, invasive assault on her body by suction machine, curette, saline or evacuation tongs.

Measure 8 wants to restore law

that protects young, uninformed women from the slick slogans and coercive sales techniques of the abortion industry. Your "yes" vote on Measure 8 will establish law that supports physical and mental health for women, encouraging the positive, healthy options of childbirth and adoption.

1. Reardon, p. 333 Silent No More.
2. C. Everett, "What I Saw In The Abortion Industry," and James Dobson interview tape.
3. Everett op. cit.
4. The Phyllis Schlafly Report, "School Based Sex Clinics vs. Self Respect," June 1986.
5. Paula Vandergaer, ex. dir. of Int. Life Service. Reported by Nat. Comm for Human Life Amendment, 1430 K St. NW Wash D.C. 20005
6. Dr. Barry Garfinkel. (Brian Clowes, p. 537 draft copy)
7. Wilke Abortion: Questions & Answers.

Mothers do not need to die from abortion. You can save them by voting "YES" on Measure 8.



ABORTION: The Great Escape

Convenience abortion! We in America have no excuse for this kind of behavior. In our land of freedom and abundant material wealth, we, of all the world's people, are the most capable of choosing positive solutions to our social problems.

Abortion is an escapist, "convenient", easy way out! Or is it? We are going to have to prepare ourselves for an epidemic of broken women, suffering from the physical and emotional damage inflicted upon them by invasive, violent, legal abortion — dysfunctional daughters, wives, mothers and employees. Abortion is reducing our labor force, leaving fewer wage earners to support elderly, retired citizens. Infertile couples, many because of previous abortion, would like to build a family by adopting, but aborted babies don't need parents. Furthermore, abortion has failed on its promises to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, or to prevent child abuse by making "every child a wanted child."

Abortion cures no disease and relieves no poverty. Wouldn't it be more compassionate and constructive if we were to address social problems directly. Babies born addicted to cocaine sadden our spirits, but cocaine is the problem. Tighter drug laws and detoxification centers may not be convenient, but much more compassionate than killing the innocent drug victim. Poor mothers need

training, employment, or a husband to help with the division of labor in order to climb out of the poverty trap and put food on the table; impairment from abortion may actually increase her poverty. Neglected children? Why are they neglected? Could it be because of families shattered by the ethic of "me-first" sexual permissiveness which disrespects marriage, regards children as a "burden", and fights untiringly to keep abortion legal?

Crisis Pregnancy Centers stand ready throughout Oregon to help mothers with difficult pregnancy situations. With proper leadership in our state capitol, Oregonians can streamline adoption procedures to provide stable homes for infants and older children. Schools can replace Planned Parenthood "how-to" sex materials with moral family life education, and refuse to ask taxpayers to fund any more school sex clinics pushed by "population controllers" and abortion advocates.

Measure 8 stands to say that strong Americans can meet the challenge of choosing the "inconvenient" — the positive — the constructive — abstinence, marriage, healthy methods of contraception, childbirth, adoption or parenthood. If you believe it is time for us to solve problems instead of destroy human life, your "yes" vote on Measure 8 can help it happen, right here in Oregon.

CARING CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS IN OREGON

These centers offer free pregnancy testing, housing, clothing for mother and baby, individual and family counseling, help in obtaining medical care, job assistance, and referrals to adoption.

Portland: Crisis Pregnancy Center 12709 N.E. Halsey 97230 255 7342

Beaverton: Crisis Pregnancy Center 4240 S.W. Cedar Hills Blvd. 643 4503

Corvallis: Crisis Pregnancy Center 765 5th St. #303 757 9645

Coos Bay: Coos County Crisis Preg. Cntr. 267 5204 750 Central Coos Bay

Eugene: Crisis Pregnancy Center 345 0400 336 E 11th St.

McMinnville: Pregnancy Counseling & 434 4400 Info. Cntr. 101 S. Baker

Medford: Living Alternative 772 1921 319 E. Main St.

Milwaukie: Crisis Pregnancy Center 659 3336 3990 S.E. Roethe Rd

Molalla: Crisis Pregnancy Center 828 COPE 319 N. Molalla Ave

Ontario: Intermountain CPE 889 4272 255 S.W. 4th Ave.

Roseburg: Douglas County CPC 672 2609 P.O. Box 836

Salem: Crisis Pregnancy Center 364 2464 355 Belmont N.E.

St. Helens: Columbia CPC 397 6047 125 N. 21st St.

Sweet Home: Willamette CPC 367 2447 1025 Main St.

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