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Sources



General Abortion Statistics and Fetal Facts

There are 2,362 abortions per day in America.

“Approximately 862,320 abortions were performed in 2017”

<https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/induced-abortion-united-states>

Math: $862,320/365=2,362.52$

This estimate from the Guttmacher Institute and data from the year 2017 was used because...

“Three states are not included [in CDC reports]: New Hampshire, Maryland and California. And three-year-old data is the most recent available, according to the CDC.”

<https://www.deseret.com/2017/2/26/20606961/why-we-don-t-know-how-many-abortions-there-are-in-america#anti-abortion-demonstrators-arrive-on-capitol-hill-in-washington-d-c-during-the-march-for-life-on-jan-27-2017-abortion-is-one-of-the-most-divisive-issues-in-the-country-yet-no-one-knows-exactly-how-many-abortions-are-performed-each-year-people-on-both-side-of-the-issue-want-accurate-reporting-so-why-doesnt-america-have-it>

The CDC reported over 143 babies born alive between 2003-2014.

“The purpose of this analysis is to provide some additional information regarding infant deaths with this cause of death code... Analysis of the text as reported by the cause-of-death certifier show that... 143 (24.3%) could definitively be classified as involving an induced termination [aka abortion].”

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/health_policy/mortality-records-mentioning-termination-of-pregnancy.htm

Gianna Jessen survived an abortion attempt

“From 2012-2020, The Abortion Survivors Network had contact with 336 survivors of abortion or their friends or family who contacted us on their behalf. We know this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to survivors—many don’t ever share their stories with anyone, and, in fact, many probably don’t even know about their survival, as it’s kept a secret.”

<https://abortion survivors.org/>

General Abortion Statistics and Fetal Facts Cont.

At 20 weeks, science proves that the fetus can feel pain.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute compiled a list of studies that show fetal pain begins by 20 weeks. Below are three quotes from three of the 20+ different studies. They can all be found here:

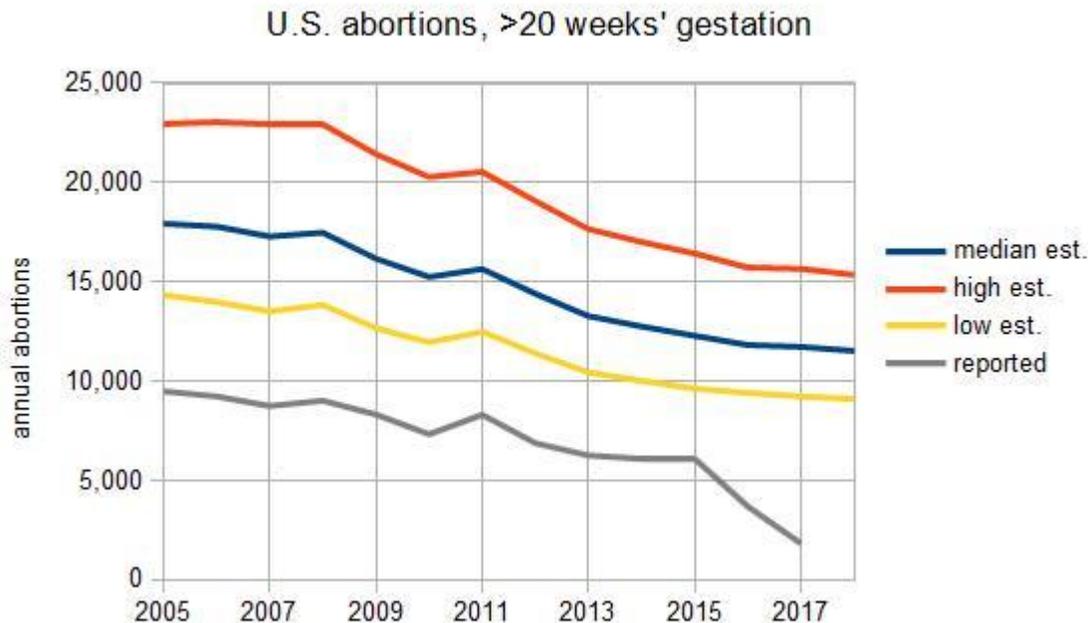
<https://lozierinstitute.org/fact-sheet-science-of-fetal-pain/>

- “A comprehensive review of the scientific literature including neural development, psychology of pain sensation, and moral implications of fetal pain, concludes that unborn babies may experience pain as early as 12 weeks.
The review notes that neural connections from periphery to brain are functionally complete after 18 weeks.”
Derbyshire SWG and Bockmann JC, Reconsidering fetal pain, *J Med Ethics* 46, 3-6, 2020
- “Sensory receptors for pain (nociception) develop first around the mouth at 7 weeks, and are present throughout the skin and mucosal surfaces by 20 weeks. Connections between the spinal cord and the thalamus (which functions in pain perception in fetuses as well as in adults) are relatively complete by 20 weeks.”
Brusseau R, Developmental Perspectives: Is the Fetus Conscious?, *International Anesthesiology Clinics* 46, 11, 2008; Lowery CL *et al.*, Neurodevelopmental Changes of Fetal Pain, *Seminars in Perinatology* 31, 275, 2007.
- “In 2010 one group noted that “the earlier infants are delivered, the stronger their response to pain.” This increased sensitivity is due to the fact that the neural mechanisms that inhibit pain sensations do not begin to develop until 34-36 weeks, and are not complete until a significant time after birth. This means that unborn, as well as newborn and preterm, infants show “hyperresponsiveness” to pain.”
Greco C and Khojasteh S, Pediatric, Infant and Fetal Pain, *Case Studies in Pain Management*, Alan David Kaye and Rinoo V. Shah, Eds., (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 379.

General Abortion Statistics and Fetal Facts Cont.

Over 10,000 late-term abortions are committed every year in the United States. Many of these are elective abortions.

"For the year 2018, best estimates (and plausible ranges in parentheses) for such abortions are: 11,500 (9,100 to 15,400) at >20 weeks' gestation..."



Abortion on demand (i.e. for elective reasons) at any point in pregnancy through birth is currently permitted in 7 states, placing the United States among only four countries in the world with policies this extreme...

Three states report some data on reasons given for obtaining abortions in cases of late-term abortions: Arizona, Florida, and Utah...

- Arizona... 79% of these abortions were not health-related.
- Utah... therapeutic, 35 (26%); and elective, 3 (2%). It should be noted that many or most of those for "therapeutic" reasons are not, in fact, for reasons of physical health.
- Florida... personal choice, 89 (39%).

Data on late-term abortions in the United States by Wm. Robert Johnston

http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/late_term_abortion_usa.html

Laws

There have been numerous attempts to pass the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*.

“A 2013 version passed by a 228–196 vote. Six Democrats voted in favor and six Republicans voted against. But that version never received a vote in the Senate, then controlled by Democrats.

A 2015 version passed by a slightly larger 242–184 vote. That time there were fewer party defections, as four Democrats voted in favor while four Republicans voted against.

Republicans controlled the Senate by then, allowing a vote on the bill in that chamber. While it technically received more “yes” votes by a 54–42 margin, it fell short of the 60 votes needed to move forward. Three Democrats voted in favor and three Republicans voted against.”

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr36/summary>

The *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act* most recently was heard in February 2020. Some Democrats voted in favor.

“Vote Date: February 25, 2020, 03:31 PM

YEAs ---53

Casey (D-PA)

Manchin (D-WV)”

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=116&session=2&vote=00057

Politicians voted down the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*.

A two-thirds majority is needed to invoke a cloture.

“Senate - 02/25/2020 Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 56 - 41.”

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/311/text>

Some states fund elective abortions.

“16 states have a policy that directs Medicaid to pay for all or most medically necessary abortions.”

<https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/state-funding-abortion-under-medicaid>

Laws Cont.

Other surgical facilities are held to higher standards than abortion facilities.

“Another Texas abortion law was before the Court in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* in 2016. This Texas law required that abortion centers comply with the same patient-care standards as other facilities performing invasive outpatient surgeries and mandated that individual abortionists maintain hospital admitting privileges to facilitate emergency care and the treatment of post-abortion complications... Unfortunately, the Court declined this momentous opportunity and instead appears to have adopted the abortion industry’s callous and self-serving position that “mere access” to abortion is sufficient to protect maternal health and safety.”

<https://aul.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/AUL-Unsafe-2018.pdf>

“...there is no reason why the law should face greater constitutional scrutiny than any other measure that burdens a regulated entity in the name of health or safety... Many state and local laws that are justified as safety measures rest on debatable empirical grounds... The test that petitioners advocate would give abortion providers an unjustifiable advantage over all other regulated parties, and for that reason, it was rejected in *Casey*.”

June Medical Services L.L.C. v. Russo – Alito’s dissent

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-1323_c07d.pdf

Where Americans Stand

Only 7% of American millennials support abortion extremism.

“Only 7% of millennials shared the position of the Democratic Party Platform – abortion without any exceptions and funded by tax dollars.”

<https://www.instituteforprolifeadvancement.com/2019-white-paper>

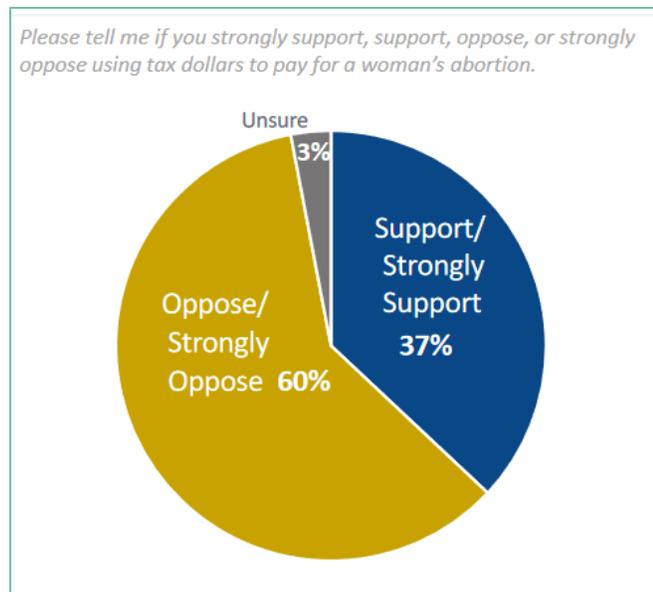
Over 70% of Americans support laws for basic safety standards at abortion facilities.

“70% agree that abortion facilities should be held to the same medical standards as any ordinary hospital” Americans United for Life In partnership with non-partisan polling firm YouGov 2019

<https://aui.org/2019/11/19/national-survey-more-than-two-thirds-of-americans-support-limitations-on-abortion/>

60% of voters are against federal tax-funded elective abortions

“Six in ten Americans oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman’s abortion.”



Americans’ Opinions on Abortion Marist Poll 2020

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/news-room/polls/americans-opinions-abortion.pdf>