

ABORTION STATISTICS 2020

Abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide 2019

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By contrast, 8.2 million people died from cancer in 2019, 5 million from smoking, 13 million from disease, and 1.7 million died of HIV/AIDS. Deaths by malaria and alcohol are also recorded.ⁱ

of abortions in US since Roe in 1973: An estimated 61 million unborn babies have been killed in abortions in the U.S. since Roe v. Wade in 1973.ⁱⁱ

According to the [United Nations' 2013 report](#), only nine countries in the world have a higher reported abortion rate than the United States. They are: Bulgaria, Cuba, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Russia, Sweden, and Ukraine.*

*Though the UN lists China's official abortion rate at 19.2, China's actual abortion rate is likely much higher. According to [China's 2010 census](#), there were approximately 310 million women of reproductive age in the country. An [estimated 13-23 million abortions](#) happen annually in China, resulting in an adjusted abortion rate of 41.9-74.2. The abortion rate is the number of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

- In 2017, the highest percentage of pregnancies were aborted in the [District of Columbia](#) (37%), [New Jersey](#) (32%), and [New York](#) (31%). The lowest percentage of pregnancies were aborted in [Idaho](#) (5%), [South Dakota](#) (4%), and [Wyoming](#) (2%). (AGI abortion data + CDC birth data).
- In 2015, approximately 35% of all pregnancies in New York City (excluding spontaneous miscarriages) ended in abortion (CDC).ⁱⁱⁱ

of abortions in US in 2017: 862,000^{iv} (NOTE: CA, NY, MD and NH – all liberal and two very large states DO NOT REPORT ABORTION STATISTICS. Also, this # does NOT include over-the-counter “abortion pill” abortions, which occur privately in homes, dorm rooms and hotels.)

of “back-alley” pre-Roe abortions

False Claim #1: 5,000-10,000 women died annual from illegal abortion before Roe.

FACT: These statistics were made up. The real number was a mere *fraction* of this.

Abortionist Bernard Nathanson admitted that he and others fabricated large numbers of deaths from illegal terminations prior to *Roe*. Nathanson and Larry Lader, a Margaret Sanger biographer, worked to decriminalize abortion laws. Together, they and others founded NARAL (then known as the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws).

Alexandra Desanctis writes in [National Review](#), “Undoubtedly this argument, that the illegality of abortion was leading to the deaths of countless women at the hands of ‘back alley butchers,’” played an essential role in deciding *Roe*, adding, “Blackmun... cited the papers of [a] NARAL attorney... who [falsified the legal history](#) of abortion to make it appear as if abortion restrictions were not imposed until the 19th century and were created then only to protect maternal health rather than the lives of unborn children.”

[Nathanson](#) admitted in his book that the 5,000-10,000 illegal death figure was fabricated because it was a “nice, round, shocking figure.” And the media repeated it without proof.

“There were perhaps 300 or so deaths from criminal abortions annually in the United States in the sixties,” he said, “but NARAL... claimed to have data that supported a figure of five thousand.”^v

Planned Parenthood’s income from taxpayers

January 6, 2020 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – Planned Parenthood’s latest [annual report](#) reveals it aborted 345,672 babies and received just over \$616 million from taxpayers during its 2018 to 2019 fiscal year.^{vi}

Abortion is a common experience: 1 in 4 women will have an abortion by age 45 (Alan Guttmacher Institute)

- *70% of those women self-identify as Christian*
- *43% attended church during the month before they had their abortion*
- *59% of women seeking abortion already have children*
- *There may be 50 million post-abortive women – and as many men – who have lost children through abortion – plus siblings, grandparents & other relatives^{vii}*

Iceland has almost completely eliminated persons with Down Syndrome through selective abortion^{viii}

Sex-selection abortion is “rife in the US”^{ix}

Black women are over-represented in abortion statistics, relative to their presence in the general population

Black Americans make up **13% of the general population.**

Black women make up **6%** of the general population

Black women of childbearing age (15-44) make up **3%** of the general population.

Black women of childbearing age obtain 39% of all abortions.

In Georgia, black women have **62%** of all abortions.

In New York City more black children are aborted than are born alive.^x

“The Bible doesn’t say anything about abortion”:

The Bible has stories about romance, prostitution, rape, incest, cohabitation, marriage, polyamory, polygamy, adultery, infertility, teenaged pregnancy, unwed mothers, illegitimacy, surrogacy, childbirth, death during childbirth, homicide, suicide, patricide, depression, economic deprivation, bodily autonomy, women’s rights, racial discrimination, spousal abandonment and every other reason we hear about every day as a ‘reason’ for abortion: ***Yet in a sexual record spanning more than 1500 years, there is no story about abortion.*** Abortion is not considered to be a solution to any of these issues because to God abortion is ‘unthinkable.’ ‘No Murder,’ is God’s law against abortion. God is the author of life and sovereign over it. The second law is to love for one’s neighbor. God

hates hands that shed innocent blood. Those being led to slaughter are to be delivered to safety. The innocent, weak, oppressed – and especially children – are deserving of special protection. The idea of abortion is ***completely incompatible with what we know of the attributes of God***. The thread that runs throughout Scripture is *life*: in the call stories of the prophets and Paul; in the destiny stories of Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Samson, John and Jesus. It is childbearing, not infanticide, that is considered women’s God-given right.

But what about Numbers 5:11-31? Doesn’t God sanction abortion as a penalty for adultery?

This is a common mistranslation and misunderstanding of this isolated text. As outlined above, abortion is incompatible with the character of God.

The text describes “the jealousy offering.” When a husband suspected that his wife had been unfaithful – but when there were no witnesses to the act except the accused couple – the married couple would come to a priest, who would mix up some unpleasant ingredients (believed to be not poison or an abortifacient, but rather, ordinary water mixed with dust from the Temple floor). The wife would then drink it. If the wife was guilty of adultery, it was believed she would get sick and her belly would swell. If the wife was innocent, God would protect her. *There was nothing magical about the concoction.* Regardless of the outcome, God was the woman’s righteous judge, affirming the truth that, “Be sure your sin will find you out” (32:23).

Some suggest that the judgment of adultery involved God causing the woman to abort as her punishment. *The 2011 edition of the NIV mistakenly states that the drink will cause miscarriage in Numbers 5:21-22, 27.* However, *this is not what the passage is talking about. Pregnancy is nowhere mentioned, or even hinted at, in the text.* The only thing that even sounds like pregnancy is the guilty wife’s stomach becoming bloated, but even in that instance, it has nothing to do with pregnancy. Further, the passage does not say that drinking the concoction would cause an abortion/miscarriage.

If a wife was found guilty, the punishment would be death ([Leviticus 20:10](#)). But the death penalty requires the testimony of *two* witnesses ([Deuteronomy 17:6](#)). If the wife was found to be innocent, she would be “cleared of guilt” and “able to have children” ([Numbers 11:28](#)). But without two witnesses, the guilty woman would not be killed by human judges, but rather, would be rendered barren by a holy God instead. Indeed, childlessness was considered a “fate worse than death” for a woman in that time and culture.

So, again, [Numbers 5:11-31](#) does not refer to abortion in any sense. Rather, it is describing a method that God allowed to be used to determine if a wife had committed adultery against her husband.

ⁱ <https://www.lifenews.com/2019/12/31/abortion-was-the-leading-cause-of-death-worldwide-in-2019-killing-42-million-people/>

ⁱⁱ *ibid*

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.abort73.com/abortion-facts/us-abortion-statistics/>

^{iv} <https://nypost.com/2019/09/18/number-of-abortions-in-us-falls-to-lowest-since-1973/>

^v <https://www.liveaction.org/news/thousands-women-werent-dying-abortion/>

^{vi} <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/planned-parenthood-aborted-345672-babies-last-year-received-616-million-from-govt>

^{vii} <http://lifewayresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Care-Net-Final-Presentation-Report-Revised.pdf>

^{viii} <https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/11/the-quest-to-ban-selective-abortion/>

^{ix} <https://www.newsweek.com/sex-selection-abortion-rife-us-447403> (Newsweek 1.6.2020)

^x <https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/emily-ward/blacks-make-134-population-36-abortions>