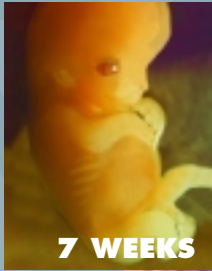


STAGES OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
(WEEKS FROM CONCEPTION)



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# Life!

Life is a choice.

■ **Abortion is a violent act that ends the life of an unborn child.** Early in a woman's pregnancy, a baby's vital organs, including the heart, are already formed. Pictures taken within the womb show us that during an abortion, the child can be seen struggling for life and appears to react to the sensation of pain. More than 47 million children have died this way since abortion was legalized in 1973. *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, and its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, allows for abortion in all nine months of pregnancy.

■ **Abortion can cause tremendous physical and emotional pain for the mother.** Some women who have abortions are unable to have any more children. Abortion has also been linked to breast cancer ([www.abortionbreastcancer.com](http://www.abortionbreastcancer.com)).<sup>(1)</sup> Some women have even died from "legal" abortions. Many women find their lives are shattered by abortion—that the abortion creates more problems than it solves. Women often find that their relationship with the baby's father is destroyed after an abortion has taken place ([www.afterabortion.org](http://www.afterabortion.org)).<sup>(2)</sup>

■ **Planned Parenthood is the nation's biggest abortion operation.** According to Planned Parenthood's own annual report, one third of its clinic income comes from abortion.<sup>(3)</sup> Planned Parenthood has killed 3.5 million children by surgical abortion since 1970.<sup>(4)</sup>

■ **Abortion does not solve the problem of teen pregnancy.** Instead, it shows teens that the way to handle a crisis pregnancy is to resort to violence. Despite more than thirty years of abortion-on-demand, teen pregnancy remains a problem in this country.

■ **If you know of a young woman who is facing an unexpected pregnancy, let her know she's not alone.** There are a number of pregnancy support centers throughout Pennsylvania that can get her a pregnancy test, counseling, adoption referrals, maternity clothes, housing, and baby supplies.<sup>(5)</sup> For help with alternatives to abortion, contact the **Real Alternatives** hotline at 1-888-LIFE-AID or visit the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's web site at [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org).

**YOU'VE ALREADY MADE A LOT OF IMPORTANT LIFE DECISIONS.**

Decisions like:  
Where to go to college...  
Which major to choose...  
Who your friends will be.

**BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION YOU'LL EVER MAKE IS TO BE PRO-LIFE!**

Because there's a lot at stake.

More than a million unborn children die each year from legal abortion.

And for each baby or set of twins aborted, there's a woman who's been wounded by the experience.

There are probably a million reasons to be pro-life. Inside we've listed just a few for you to consider.

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(1) Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer (2) Elliot Institute data  
(3) Planned Parenthood Annual Report (4) Ibid.  
(5) Real Alternatives, Pennsylvania's Alternatives to Abortion program

