

Forced Abortion ... in America?



Studies show that most abortions are unwanted or coerced.¹ Many are forced.²

Coercion comes in many forms, often from all sides. It can escalate to violence. Homicide is the leading killer of pregnant women.²

Threats can range from verbal or physical abuse and emotional blackmail to loss of shelter, income, family or life. There may be negligent, deceptive or coercive counseling or pressure in medical, education, social services or even pastoral arenas. One school district ran a weekly clinic-bound bus, keeping parents in the dark. A disabled woman coerced by a medical social services professional died during an abortion that was based on what turned out to be deceptive information about her unborn child.

Teens and women of all ages have been restrained, beaten and tortured, or even held hostage or taken to clinics by force. One mother literally pushed her daughter at gunpoint. One woman fought off an abortionist called in by her father only to have another brought in who ordered three nurses to hold her down until anesthesia took effect. Coercion is common. A security guard testified that husbands and boyfriends often stand outside to make sure her appointment is kept. Other women respond to professionally marketed free or low-cost health care services only to be rushed or coerced by staff.

Research indicates most women felt rushed or uncertain, yet 67% received no counseling.¹ If counseling does take place, it is often hurried, insufficient in fully informing women and deceptive, coercive or even abusive. After abortion, many women are left to sort out profound heartbreak and physical aftereffects, too. Many woke up bleeding, in severe pain and traumatized, only to be silenced yet again. Others who sought help months or even years after abortion are yet again marginalized or dismissed.

Coercion can escalate. Women have been stabbed, pistol-whipped, stuffed in car trunks, or even thrown from a bridge or buried alive. Some were poisoned, beaten or forcibly injected to cause a miscarriage. Others were tortured or murdered for resisting an unwanted abortion.

Most states do not require clinics to screen for unwanted abortions. Molesters pose as parents. Rapists use repeat abortions to conceal and repeat their crimes. In other cases, authorities and support networks decide for her and threaten, blackmail, coerce or force her to abort.

When counselors, gatekeepers and guides fail to screen, or even sell or push abortion themselves due to agenda- or profit-driven conflicts of interest, it only furthers pre-existing pressure. Experts note that decisions made under duress are compromised, and individuals in crisis are more susceptible to influence from others.

After abortion, it is no surprise that 65% suffer trauma. There are significant rates of physical injury and higher risk of clinical depression and many other issues, too. Women's rate of death from all causes is nearly 4 times higher in abortion's aftermath. Suicide rates are 6 times higher.¹ Society may deny them even the right to grieve many injustices; but above all, the loss of their child.

Learn more at TheUnChoice.com -- user-friendly evidence-based resources, help and healing.

Learn more, share more or find help with pregnancy-related challenges, including your right not to be coerced into an unwanted abortion. Find post-abortion healing, or learn how you can help women, men and families already directly or indirectly hurt by abortion.

TheUnChoice.com
new facts, new hope

Abortion is the ^{un}choice.
Unwanted. Unsafe. Unfair.

1. www.theunchoice.com/whateveryamerican

2. Forced Abortion in America, etc. www.theunchoice.com/coerced.htm