

# ABORTION

(Josh McDowell research 2006 to present)

## “ABORTION CONSEQUENCES”

“A newly published meta-analysis (a study comprised of data from numerous research studies) shows a strong link between induced abortion and subsequent preterm births. Published in the *Journal of Reproductive Medicine*, the study reviewed international data from 21 studies from '95 to '07 on preterm births related to induced abortion and spontaneous miscarriage. Researchers found that a prior induced abortion increased a woman's odds of having a preterm delivery by 64%. (*Journal of Reproductive Medicine* 2/09).

(Gary Foster, “Abortion Consequence,” *Religious Market Update*, April 10, 2009): 2;  
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## “ABORTION & CANCER”

“Among 7 risk factors, abortion is the ‘best predictor of breast cancer,’ reports *The Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*. The study showed that countries with higher abortion rates, such as England & Wales, could expect a substantial increase in breast cancer incidence. Where abortion rates are low (i.e., Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic) a smaller increase is expected. Where a decline in abortion has taken place, (i.e., Denmark and Finland) a decline in breast cancer is anticipated.” (LifeSite News 10/3/07)

(“Abortion and Cancer,” from The Foster Letter – *Religious Market Update*, October 10, 2007,  
[www.GaryDFoster.com](http://www.GaryDFoster.com))

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## “ABORTION EFFECTS”

“In an '04 Senate subcommittee hearing, Dr. Elizabeth Shadigan testified abortion increases the rates of breast cancer, placenta previa, pre-term births, and maternal suicide. Statistically, all types of death are higher with women who have had abortions. At least 49 different studies have demonstrated statistically significant increases in premature births or low birth weight risk in women with prior induced abortions. The frequency of early death for infants born after their mothers have abortions is 2-4 times the norm. Post abortion women have a five times greater likelihood of having an ectopic pregnancy and double the risk of cervical cancer.”

(The Foster Letter: *Religious Market Update*, Gary D. Foster Consulting, September 10, 2006 [Eternal Perspectives Summer '06]: 2.)

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## **“ABORTION PARENTAL NOTIFICATION LAWS DON’T ALWAYS PRODUCE DESIRED RESULTS”**

“An analysis by *The New York Times* found that laws requiring minors to notify their parents or get their consent before having an abortion don’t appear to have produced the steep drop in teenage abortion rates for which advocates had hoped. The analysis, which looked at six states that introduced parental involvement laws in the last decade and is thought to be the first study to include data from years after 1999, found divergent trends. In Virginia, the rate barely moved when the state introduced a notification law in 1998, but did fall after the requirement was changed to parental consent in 2003. In Texas, the rate fell after a notification law went into effect, but not at the rate it had in the years before the law. And in Tennessee, the abortion rate went down when a federal court suspended a parental consent requirement and actually rose when the law went back into effect. Parental involvement laws are now in place in 34 states. Supporters of the laws argue they promote better decision-making and reduce teenage abortions, while opponents say they chip away at abortion rights and endanger minors by exposing them to possibly violent reaction from some parents. Workers and doctors at abortion clinics said the laws had little connection with the real lives of most teenagers. Some even reported that they more often saw parents pressuring their daughters to have abortions than trying to stop them.”

(*The New York Times*, 6 March 2006.)

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## **“PROFESSIONAL DISHONESTY”**

### **Abortion Statistics**

- “45 million deaths by abortion in our nation since 1973.”
- “and to say nothing about forcing sharp scissors through the baby’s skull and into the brain – that is journalistic”

(Joel Belz, “Professional dishonesty,” *World*, (May 2007):5)

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