

42 Years After Roe v. Wade, Abortion Wages True War on Women

On Jan. 22, 1973, the definition of “life” changed in the United States. For some, life never began at all.

In the 42 years since the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in America, the effects on families have been devastating, says the American Family Association (AFA). National Right to Life estimates that since 1973, more than 56 million abortions have been performed in the U.S.

Two female leaders within divisions of AFA say that abortion has taken so much away, not only from women in America, but also from parents, families and the culture at large.

“Abortion is not a solution to a problem, cure to a disease, remedy to a burden or a convenience to an inconvenience,” said Monica Cole, director of , a division of AFA. “It only creates more problems in the form of turmoil, heartache, regret, hurt and depression. Abortion is not only harmful and destructive to the baby but also to the mother (and father) as so many have shared who have made this painful life-changing decision during a weak or desperate moment that they would change if possible. Most wish this option were not even available. Abortion should never be legal. Life cannot be left in human hands. Only God Himself, the Creator of life, has this control.”

Meeke Addison, Director of Communications for Urban Family Communications, where she co-hosts “Airing the Addisons” with her husband, Wil, on Urban Family Talk, a division of American Family Radio (AFR) added that particularly alarming is the abortion industry’s targeting of African-American and Hispanic communities.

“It’s no secret that abortion providers target communities with higher minority populations,” said Addison, who is a leader in the African-American community. “We hear the cry that ‘Black Lives Matter’, and this is true. But if we are truly concerned about black lives, shouldn’t the African-American community be rising up united across the nation to denounce the targeted slaughter of African-American unborn babies?”

When 2010 census data were analyzed by an initiative called Protecting Black Life, it was discovered that 79 percent of Planned Parenthood abortion clinics were located within walking distance of minority neighborhoods—62 percent within 2 miles of primarily black neighborhoods and 64 percent near Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods. These numbers have been reported by both in 2012 and 2013.

, a site dedicated to pro-life news, reports that although African-Americans make up 12.6 percent of the U.S. population (as of the 2010 census), the Centers for Disease Control has found that black women accounted for 35.4 percent of all abortions in 2009.

And, Abort73 continues, every day in America, an average of 3,315 human beings lose their lives to abortion. Based on the percentages of abortions reported, between 683 and 829 of those babies are Hispanic, between 1,193 and 1,174 are white, and between 995 and 1,207 are black—a racial disparity that shows that African-American babies are losing their lives at a far greater percentage than white babies. This past September, *The Atlantic* reported that, according to CDC numbers, an African-American woman is almost five times likelier to have an abortion than a white woman.

Regardless of race, income or level of education of any woman who has an abortion, there are psychological scars that last long after the procedure.

“The myth of safe, easy and painless abortion is one of the greatest lies perpetrated against women,” Addison continued. “The scars of abortion can last a lifetime, and it’s high time we start telling women the truth that in addition to taking an innocent life, abortion always leaves a trail of wounded victims.”

Cole added, “For 42 years in America, the right to life has been considered not an inalienable right given by God but a subjective right determined by the Court, and the result has been the denial of life to more than 56 million babies. It’s time for our nation to admit that the Court got this one very wrong. The millions of unborn babies who await the abortionist’s scalpel cry out for us to stop this legalized injustice in America.”

The “Silent No More Awareness” project at [is](#) a directory of testimonies from those who were adversely affected by abortion—women, men, former abortion providers and many others.

Just a few of the testimonials on the site include:

- “The doctor didn’t tell me that the psychological scars may still be present years later; that there was no drug that would numb my heart.”
- “I still struggle. I hate myself for what I did. I have not told my family. I say I had a miscarriage to those who do know because I cannot bear to tell them the truth.”
- “Immediately after the abortion I felt total regret of what I had done. As time went on after the abortion I felt and experienced nightmares.”