

Pro-Lifers Slam Abortion Activist's Surgical Abortion Shared on YouTube

A pro-life charity has criticized the YouTube video of a woman having a surgical abortion, saying the procedure should “never be taken lightly.”

Emily Letts, 25, explained that her decision to have her abortion filmed at the clinic where she worked in New Jersey was to show “it wasn’t scary—and that there is such a thing as a positive abortion story.”

But pro-life groups have raised concerns about the video—a spokesperson from the charity LIFE says that many women experience “regret, anxiety and depression” following abortions.

“Abortion is a serious procedure which ends the life of an unborn child. It should never be taken lightly,” the spokesperson says.

“Instead of normalizing, we should be encouraging women to look more closely at abortion and what it involves—including the long-term effects,” the spokesperson adds.

LIFE also says, “If the video focused on the actual abortion process, then the procedure would have shocked viewers.”

Writing for *Cosmopolitan* magazine, Letts explains how she had been working at the abortion clinic for a year when she “wound up” pregnant—she had not been using any form of contraception and “didn’t have any long-term partners.”

On the YouTube video, Letts tells the camera, “I’m not ready to have children. Yeah, I’m going to be having an abortion tomorrow morning.”

She is then filmed in the clinic having the abortion, during which the camera focuses on her head and the top half of her body—she is seen breathing heavily and humming.

Earlier this year, three women who regret having an abortion were interviewed by the *Daily Mail*.

Evelyn Rei, Amanda Brawn and Andrea Gilbertson recalled the moments leading up to their abortions and the feelings of sorrow and bereavement they experienced.

Rei, who had an abortion almost 10 years ago, says she has “pangs of regret.”

Brawn, who had two abortions 15 years apart, said, “I had no idea how bereft and guilty I’d feel.”

Gilbertson had an abortion when she was 27 and says she will “never forget” her traumatic experience after taking an abortion pill.