

ABORTIONS DECREASING

Pro-life activists are encouraged by recent polls which show that the number of abortions performed in the United States is decreasing year by year, and that if it were not for women who have several abortions the figures would be even lower.

Abortion statistics naturally are several years behind the current date. For this reason the statistics cited only come up to 2003. The report shows that from 1973 to 1990 the number of abortions grew from 700,000 to over 1,300,000. However, in the years from 1990 to 2003 the number has steadily decreased. In fact, the total decrease is about 20%! Amazing as that is, the figures show that among minors the decrease is almost 40%.

Evidence indicates that this decrease is continuing. It is significant enough to seriously affect the pro-abortion movement. Several reasons are given for this change, but one of them is certainly the change in attitudes concerning abortion. Several recent polls indicate that this is true.

ABC news and the Washington Post poll in February, 2007 found that the percentage of Americans wanting abortion legal in all or most cases has dropped 2% since December, 2005. (The value of this poll is considered somewhat doubtful because of the wording of the questions asked.) A January CBS News poll found that 47 percent want to prohibit all or most abortions, and 16 percent want them to be greatly restricted... a total of 63 percent who are opposed to "abortion on demand!" A November Newsweek poll found that the number of pro-life Americans rose 5 percent since 2005. A Zogby poll in March 2006 found that Americans, by wide margins, support limits on abortion:

69 percent would prohibit federal taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions,

55 percent would back a 24-hour waiting period for abortions,

64 percent would favor a second criminal charge for killing or injuring an unborn child in an attack on a pregnant woman.

Certainly pro-life activists are winning the battle: slowly, but surely!

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A RELUCTANT MRC WORKER (AT FIRST!)

A year ago I would have laughed at the idea of ME helping in the Maternity Resource Center, but God has a way of changing hearts. As a member of Immanuel Baptist, I would often walk by the MRC on Wednesday night and see the many clients in the waiting room and hall. Sometimes I would stop in and visit the workers, but I had no desire to volunteer. My attitude was, "No thanks! It's noisy with the rowdy kids and occasionally it stinks! I do not think that I want to associate with these people, so I'll just continue to walk by with my blinders on." But God had other plans! For a school project I needed to serve 10 hours in a multicultural environment. The MRC seemed a convenient place to put in my required time. I reasoned, "It is very multicultural and I am already at church. I'll get my required hours and run!" So in October, 2006, I began my 10 hour stint. God used those 10 hours to soften my heart. He reminded me that these clients are human beings. Christ died for them, too. They need to see Christ's love. They need to know we care. They need to know that Christians can have fun. In short, they need to see Christ through us!

Six months later I am still volunteering and loving it! I do not have my blinders on any more! I see people who are in need. Yes, some are "rough" and difficult. But they need help... both materially and spiritually. Materially, help can be found in the clothes, diapers, baby food, etc., but spiritual help is only in Christ. My goal is to reflect his love in any way I can. Hopefully I can show His love in a way that causes clients to want salvation along with diapers and clothes!

