

# Forced Abortion ... in America?



**Studies show that most abortions are unwanted or coerced.<sup>1</sup> Many are forced.<sup>2</sup>**

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

Many women and teens are verbally or physically abused, emotionally blackmailed or threatened with the loss of their home, family, job, education or even their lives in order to get them to abort. They face pressure and negligent, deceptive and coercive counseling by those in the medical, educational, social services and even pastoral fields. One school district secretly bussed students to a clinic every week, keeping parents in the dark. A disabled woman died after being coerced to abort by a medical professional who gave her false information about her unborn child.

**Teens and women have been restrained, beaten, assaulted,** or taken to clinics by force. One mother took her daughter to a clinic at gunpoint. One teen 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 come to the clinic to make sure the appointment is kept.

Coercion can escalate to violence. News reports describe cases of women and teens being stabbed, pistol whipped, tied up and stuffed in a car trunk, or beaten after refusing abortion. Some women were poisoned or forcibly injected with abortion drugs. Others were murdered in horrific ways for resisting an unwanted abortion.

Women and teens are often lured to clinics the promise of free or low-cost health care services, only to be pushed or coerced into abortion by the staff. Research indicates most women felt rushed or uncertain before abortion, yet 67 percent received no counseling beforehand.<sup>1</sup> If counseling does take place, it is often hurried, insufficient, deceptive, coercive or even abusive.

**Most states do not require clinics to screen for unwanted abortions.** Molesters pose as parents and use repeat abortions to conceal and repeat their crimes. In many cases, the abuse is never reported and the girl is returned to the abusive situation. In other cases, authorities and those around her pressure, push, coerce or even 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,** many women are left to sort out profound heartbreak, emotional problems and physical aftereffects. Many are traumatized physically and emotionally, sometimes for years — yet most are told to put it behind them and get on with their lives. Even those seeking professional help — often months or years after abortion — are often marginalized or dismissed. Most are denied the right to grieve the trauma and above all, the loss of their child.

A survey of American women who found that 65 percent reported trauma symptoms after abortion. Rates of clinical depression, substance abuse and other mental health problems are significantly higher after abortion. Death rates are 4 times higher and suicide rates are 6 times higher after abortion compared to childbirth.<sup>1</sup>

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1. [www.theunchoice.com/whateveryamerican](http://www.theunchoice.com/whateveryamerican)

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