

11 week old  
developing  
baby

"Before I formed  
you in the womb I  
knew you, before you  
were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet  
to the nations." ~Jer. 1:5



7 week old developing  
baby



"All that is necessary for evil to triumph  
is for good men to do nothing."

~ Edmund Burke

LIFE brings many choices.

Some choices are easy.

Some choices are not.

Some choices are temporary.

Some choices are FOREVER.

Think before you choose.

Choose wisely . . . Choose LIFE.

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## The Distortion of Abortion: Get the Facts on What Happens During Abortion Procedures

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Medical Images inside**

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## First Trimester Abortion Procedures

**The Contraceptive Pill:** The pill does not prevent conception. It aborts the developing baby by interfering with implantation so that the baby is unable to attach to the uterine wall, and cannot receive oxygen & nutrients essential for life.



**Dilation and Curettage (D&C):** A loop-shaped steel knife is inserted into the dilated cervix, cuts the baby's body into pieces, and scrapes the placenta off the uterine wall before both the baby's remains and placenta are removed.

**Suction Abortion:** Can be executed as soon as a pregnancy can be chemically detected. With the help of an ultrasound, a long suction tube with a vacuum syringe is inserted into the cervix and tears the developing baby from the uterine wall.



**Suction Aspiration/Vacuum Curettage:** A powerful suction tube with a sharp cutting edge dismembers the limbs and body of the developing baby and sucks the remains and placenta into a collection bottle.

**RU 486:** Pills block progesterone's maintenance of the nutrient rich lining of the uterus. The baby starves as the lining disintegrates. Then, artificial prostaglandins cause uterine contractions to expel the baby.

## Second Trimester Abortion Procedures



**Instillation Methods:** Chemicals are injected into the amniotic sac to kill the developing baby and initiate contractions. Saline poisons the developing body and burns its skin. Urea and prostaglandins initiate violent contractions, but are generally less effective than saline. Sometimes

potassium chloride or digoxin is injected directly into the baby's heart, triggering cardiac arrest.

**Dilation and Evacuation (D&E):** A sharp metal forceps grasp parts of the developing baby and twist or tear them away until the entire body is removed from the womb. The baby's skull is often hard bone by this time, and so the skull must be compressed or crushed to facilitate removal.



## Third Trimester Abortion Procedures

In the U.S.A., abortion is legal in all nine months of pregnancy.

**Caesarean Sections** are performed for **Hysterotomy Abortions** in most of those cases. The umbilical cord is cut to kill the baby before it is eventually removed from the mother's womb.

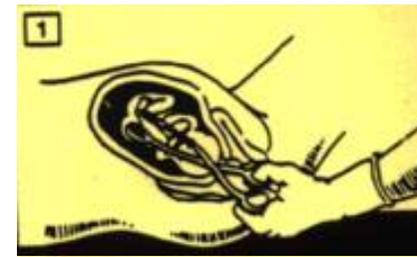
**Partial-Birth Abortions** (pictured at far right) are used in the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy or later. The baby in utero, shown at right, is five months old, still legally able to be aborted in this country!



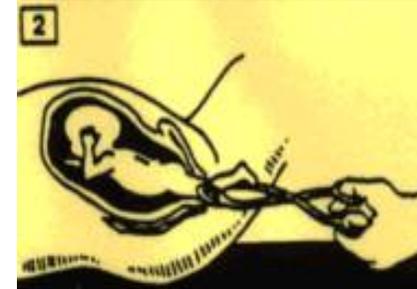
**"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."**

~Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## Partial-Birth Abortion Procedure



Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grabs the baby's legs with forceps



and pulls it along with the rest of the body into the birth canal.



The abortionist delivers the baby's entire body, except for the head. (At this point in the abortion, the baby is alive.)



The base of the baby's skull is punctured with surgical scissors or some other instrument.



The wound is enlarged for the insertion of a catheter (tube), which is connected to a powerful suction machine that sucks the baby's brain out. The collapsed skull can now be withdrawn from the uterus.