

**Coercive Abortion Protection Act
Supporting Studies and Stories**

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Enhanced Surveillance for Pregnancy - Associated Mortality–Maryland, 1993-1998	Journal of the American Medical Association	March 21, 2001 Vol.285, No. 11	Isabelle L. Horon, DrPH, Diana Cheng, MD	Conclusion: “... <i>a pregnant or recently pregnant woman is more likely to be a victim of homicide than to die of any other cause.</i> ” This study found that using death certificates as the source for this study may not be accurate. The number of homicides may be grossly underestimated.
Homicide: A Leading Cause of Injury Deaths Among Pregnant and Postpartum Women in the United States, 1991-1999	American Journal of Public Health	Vol. 95 (3), March 2005, pp. 471-477	Chang, Jeani MPH, et.al	Conclusion: <i>Homicide is a leading cause of pregnancy-associated injury deaths. Overall pregnant black women were 7 times more likely to be murdered than white women.</i>
Abortion Disclosure and the Association with Domestic Violence	The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Vol. 105 (6), June 2005, pp 1329-1334	Woo, Junda MD, et.al, Baylor College of Medicine, Planned Parenthood	Conclusion: “ <i>Domestic violence is a pervasive health problem, particularly among abortion patients. Universal screening for domestic violence by all abortion providers is recommended.</i> ”

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Abuse During Pregnancy and Femicide: Urgent Implications for Women's Health	Obstetrics and Gynecologists	2002;100:27-36	Judith McFarlane, DrPH, et al., Texas Women's University, Houston, TX, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD	Conclusion: <i>“Femicide is an important, but often unreported, cause of maternal mortality. This is the first report of a definite link between abuse during pregnancy and attempted/completed femicide. This research documents the immediate need for universal abuse assessment of all pregnant women.”</i>
The Prevalence of Domestic Violence Among Women Seeking Abortion	The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	VOL. 91, NO. 6, June 1998	Susan S. Glander, MD, et.al	Prevalence of abuse reported by women seeking abortions was 39.5% in this study. Women with histories of abuse were significantly less likely to inform their partner about the abortion than nonabused women. Conclusion: <i>“When routine screening for abuse is included in abortion counseling, health providers have the opportunity for developing a safety plan and initiating appropriate referral.”</i>
Characteristics of women undergoing repeat induced abortion	Canadian Medical Association Journal	March 1, 2005; 172 (5)	William A. Fisher, et.al	Conclusion: <i>“. . . a history of physical or sexual abuse was associated with repeat induced abortion. Presentation for repeat abortion may be an important indication to screen for a current or past history of relationship violence and sexual abuse.”</i>

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Violence and abortions: What's a doctor to do?	Canadian Medical Association Journal	March 1, 2005	Susan Phillips	Study showed that out of 1127 women who had an abortion in London, Ont., 20% experienced physical abuse, 27% experienced sexual abuse, 90% has used contraception sometime in their lives. <i>This study suggests that physicians screen all women for abuse, for what could be defined as an epidemic.</i>
Under Din of Abortion Debate, an Experience Shared Quietly	The New York Times by John Leland	September 18, 2005	Little Rock, Ark.	<p>A reporter interviewed patients in one abortion clinic all on the same day. <i>‘I’d lose my job,’</i> said a high school teacher. <i>‘My family’s reputation would be ruined..’</i></p> <p>Another patient, Regina, just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. <i>‘She arrived at the clinic with cuts and bruises from her boyfriend after telling him she was pregnant. ‘He flipped out because he wasn’t ready.’</i> She thought they would be getting married after he heard the news. She came in with two fellow sergeants, who wore the uniforms. Her boyfriend was in jail.</p>

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Reasons for induced abortion and their relationship to women's emotional distress: a prospective, two-year follow-up study.	General Hospital Psychiatry	Jan-Feb, 2005; 27(1):36-43	Broen, AN, et.al	Conclusion: <i>“Male pressure on women to have an induced abortion has a significant, negative influence on women's psychological responses in the 2 years following the event.”</i>
Pennsylvania Man Killed Woman after she Refused Abortion	LifeNews.com	August 21, 2005	Philadelphia, PA	Stephen Poaches strangled LaToya Figueroa, 5 months pregnant, because she refused to have an abortion. She had a 7 year old daughter.
Man gets 10 Years in Attempted Murder Case	St. Petersburg Times	August 18, 2005	Holiday, FL	Brandon Lawrence, 27 slashed the throat of 17 year old Gretchen Alvarez 3 times and stabbed her in the back because she rejected having an abortion. Lawrence agreed to a plea bargain and will spend the next 10 years in prison. 3/04
Witness: Stony Brook Grad Chose Murder Over Abortion	nyNewsday.com	April 4, 2005	New York, NY	Emmanuel Pierre 26, allegedly killed Sandra Bonaventure 20, because she refused to abort his child. Joshua Cayenne 24 was his accomplice.6/20/02
West Palm Beach Woman Charged Over Daughter's Abortion	Associated Press	May 26, 2005	West Palm Beach, FL	Woman charged with evidence tampering and child neglect after arranging an abortion for her 17 year old daughter during an incest investigation. Stepfather 40, was charged with familial sexual battery.

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Firm Ordered Abortion, Ex-employee says	The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Ernie Suggs	August 4, 2005	Atlanta, GA	April Thompson's boss demanded that she get an abortion or risk losing her job. She was fired by Piedmont Management and filed a suit.
New York Woman was Murdered Because she Refused Abortion	LifeNews.com Maria Vitale Gallagher	March 2, 2005	Long Island, NY	Susan Ambrosino was shot in the head by Steven Schiovone who was the father of her unborn child. Schiovone wanted her to have an abortion, she was repulsed at the idea. She had a daughter 9.
Remix of Usher Song Advocates Abortion, Violence Against Pregnant Women	LifeNews.com Steven Ertelt	June 25, 2004	New York, NY	Rapper, Joe Budden, advocates abortion and violence against pregnant women in his remix of one of Usher's songs. "Pray that she abort that, If she's talkin' 'bout keepin' it / One hit to the stomach, She's leakin' it."
"The Worst Thing I Ever Did," Sharon Osbourne	London Daily Mail	December 20, 2004	London	Sharon Osbourne told the London Daily Mail that she had an abortion at age 17 because her mother said she had to "get rid of it." Her mother sent her there alone. She said she would not recommend it to anyone. She had 3 miscarriages after the abortion because her cervix was damaged from the abortion.

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Pregnancy and Homicide 3 Part Series I. Many New or Expectant Mothers Die Violent Deaths II. Violence Intersects Lives of Promise III. Mending Shattered Childhoods	Washington Post, by Donna St. George	December 19-21, 2004		Countless stories of pregnant and new mothers who were killed, but didn't make the headlines. Researchers are just beginning to uncover the crisis of becoming pregnant.