

To begin, abortion is awful for the mother herself. Abortion is associated with a large increase in mental health issues & suicide in women.

[Associations Between Abortion, Mental Disorders, and Suicidal Behaviour in a Nationally Representative Sample](#)

[Abortion, substance abuse and mental health in early adulthood: Thirteen-year longitudinal evidence from the United States](#)

[Abortion and mental health: quantitative synthesis and analysis of research published 1995-2009](#)

[Maternal suicide in Italy](#)

[Deaths associated with pregnancy outcome: a record linkage study of low income women](#)

If abortion was truly good for women and truly improved their life, why are they taking said life at an accelerated rate after obtaining an abortion?

Additionally, abortion is murder. [Human life begins at conception](#). Fetuses are human, and killing a human is legally classified as murder.

Fetuses (fun fact: [fetus is latin for offspring, aka child](#)) [can feel pain as early as 6 weeks](#).

Another common argument that I see is that an unborn baby or fetus is a parasite. [This is untrue](#). This source may be confusing, however, I shall explain. Essentially, this source proves that the scientific conclusion is that placenta “dynamically distributes nutrients between mother and fetus, optimally ensuring the health of both mother and developing baby...” This proves that the relationship between an unborn child and their mother is meant to be symbiotic, meaning both parties benefit from the partnership.

- [Here is another source](#).

While it is absolutely true that unborn children in utero have behaviors that are invasive, somewhat aggressive or alien, and skewed in their favor, it is also scientifically proven from the first source that the relationship is biologically intended to be symbiotic & mutually beneficial. Pregnancy IS hard, and it is absolutely a serious medical event. That being said, fetuses are humans made up of human DNA and have zero intention of harming the mother or the womb they reside in.

We all know how babies are made. Again, when it comes to rape, this does not apply, but considering the vast majority of abortions are elective & not for the reason of conception being rape, I would logically conclude the majority of aborted babies were conceived willingly. On a biological level, sex is intended for reproduction. This is why no birth control method other than abstinence has a 100% success rate, at least in theory.

Embryology, defined by the Oxford Dictionary as “the branch of biology and medicine concerned with the study of embryos and their development,” also agrees life begins at conception, and this is supported by direct quotes from embryology textbooks. I will disclose that ChatGPT found these quotes and textbooks for me, and since I do not own the textbooks, I cannot be 100% sure what exact pages these quotes come from. To be clear, fertilization and conception are essentially the same thing: fertilization is just the word for the exact moment that a sperm & egg become one and conception is the word for the process from fertilization to implantation.

Moore, K. L., Persaud, T. V. N., & Torchia, M. G. (2013).

The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology (9th ed.). Saunders.

“Human development begins at fertilization when a sperm fuses with an oocyte to form a single cell, the zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual.”

O’Rahilly, R., & Müller, F. (2001).

Human Embryology and Teratology (3rd ed.). Wiley-Liss.

“Although life is a continuous process, fertilization is a critical landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new, genetically distinct human organism is thereby formed.”

Langman’s Medical Embryology (11th ed.). Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

“Development begins with fertilization, the process by which the male gamete, the sperm, and the female gamete, the oocyte, unite to give rise to a zygote.”

The argument that a fetus or unborn baby is not human is false. Humans are classified as the species *Homo sapiens*. The human life cycle begins with fertilization and progresses towards birth. If embryos/fetuses/unborn children were not alive, they would not grow and develop, and if they were not human, they would not be classified as *Homo sapiens*.

The majority of abortions are for [elective purposes](#) that have nothing to do with saving the mother's life or due to medical issues with the unborn child.

- [Here is the link to the full article](#) that also includes the chart linked above.
- [The majority of late-term abortions are also elective; the most common reason they are reportedly performed is because “the mother didn't realize she was pregnant.”](#)

[Here is a link to the full study. You will need to scroll about halfway through the study to get to the above chart.](#)

[If unborn children are not sentient, how can they drink](#) and [suck their thumb in utero?](#)

- https://www.reddit.com/r/BabyBumps/comments/1z1tzg/13_week_ultrasound_thumb_sucker/
- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0028393204002428>
- https://www.ehd.org/dev_article_unit10.php.

How can they react to their mother's emotions?

- <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/preconceptioncare/conditioninfo/stress#:~:text=High%20levels%20of%20stress%20can,low%2Dbirth%2Dweight%20infant>
- <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/perinatal-depression>.

How can they react to sunlight?

- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dKD7zzTpPg&pp=4gcNEgtjaGF0Z3B0LmNvbQ%3D%3D>.

Additional sources on babies in utero reacting to mother's emotions:

- <https://srcd.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1467-8624.2009.01384.x>
- <https://www.developmentalscience.com/blog/2018/10/1/can-a-pregnant-womans-experience-influence-her-babys-temperament>

A non-scientific thought I'd like to end with: What if pro lifers are right? If we're wrong, laws can be reversed. We can admit we were wrong. You'd be right that abortion harms nobody and that the mother's body is solely her own when pregnant. However....if we're right, and life begins at conception & fertilization, and that a child in the womb has just as much life and worth as their mother, abortion has been the typically needless murder of MILLIONS, if not BILLIONS of children.