

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT ABORTION, AND HERE'S WHY:

GENERAL STATISTICS

Colorado is in the minority of states that do not recognize an unborn child as a potential crime victim (Defending Life 2018).

45% of pregnancies in America are unintended (Guttmacher Institute).

42% of unintended pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion (Guttmacher Institute).

86% of all women who experience abortions are not married (Care Net 2019).

58% of women who report their unintended pregnancy choose life, a decrease from 60% in 2008 (Care Net 2019).

In 2014, 926,200 abortions were performed, down 12% from 1.06 million in 2011 (Care Net 2019).

In 2020, there were 930,160 abortions in the US, an 8% increase in abortions from 2017 (Guttmacher Institute).

54% of abortions are medication abortions (Guttmacher Institute).

In 2014, there were 17.3 infant adoptions per 1,000 abortions, and 4.6 infant adoptions per 1,000 live births (Care Net 2019)

53% of Millennials (individuals between 18 and 31) think that abortion should be either illegal or legal only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother (Care Net 2019).

43% of US adults consider abortion to be a morally acceptable, while 48% of US adults consider abortion to be morally wrong (Care Net 2019).

ABORTION AND THE CHURCH (Care Net 2019)

52% of self-identified evangelicals who attend church once or twice per month strongly agree with the statement "Abortion is sin."

70% of women who have had an abortion indicate their religious preference is Christian.

35% of Christian women who have had an abortion indicate they currently attend church once a week or more.

36% of women were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion.

As women considered their abortion decision, the most typical reactions/expectations from a local church were "judgmental" (33%) or "condemning" (26%).

51% of women agree that churches do not have a ministry prepared to discuss options during an unplanned pregnancy.