

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Talking Points for Friends and Family Abortion

“Banning abortions would decrease abortions.” Abortion rates are the same in places where they’re illegal. Making abortion illegal increases the risks that women will have abortions not performed by medical professionals or try do it themselves.

“Funding Planned Parenthood funds abortions.” Federal funds for family planning prevent 800,000 abortions per year.

“Abortions cause breast cancer.” The world’s leading experts who study pregnancy and breast cancer risk have concluded that having an abortion does not increase a woman’s risk of developing breast cancer.

“Abortion causes mental illness.” The American Psychological Association put together a special task force to investigate if there is a link between getting an abortion and mental illness, and found no evidence to suggest that there is.

“If you have sex, you have to be prepared to be responsible for the outcome of your actions.” Not all people who have sex choose to get pregnant, and even those who do should not be forced to continue a pregnancy.

“Women have abortions for selfish or frivolous reasons.” The decision to have an abortion is rarely simple. Most women base their decision on several factors, the most common being lack of money and/or are not ready to start or expand their families due to existing responsibilities.

“Women are using abortion as a method of birth control” Half of all women getting abortions report that contraception was used during the month they became pregnant. Most women who have abortions have had no previous abortions (52%) or only one previous abortion (26%).