

The Crisis in Maryland

Deplorable State Laws Demoralize Society

But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. Matt 17:21

Maryland Abortion Rates, 2nd Highest In U.S.

- MD's rate is stagnant at 28.6 women, with 34,260 per year (2011).
- U.S. rate continues to fall, **16.9** women in 2011. Lowest since 1973!
- Women in MD who had one abortion are more likely to have 2 or 3. National rate for two or more abortions is ~45%, in MD it is near 70%.
- Five hospitals in Baltimore area do abortions (e.g., Johns Hopkins)!

Maryland went on 'Offensive' in 1991.

- In response to tough new restrictions in 1980s (i.e., Penn) Maryland's legislature worked to enshrine **Roe v. Wade** and **Doe v. Bolton** policies into state constitution as insurance against national trend to rollback Roe.
- The 1991 Maryland law permits late term abortions for any type of health reason and explicitly for preborn with **genetic defect, or severe abnormality**. Only one other state has same callous policy in state law.
- In 25 years **Maryland** attracted a number of **criminal abortionists** (i.e., Stephen Brigham) and notorious ones (i.e., Leroy Carhart). Results in more late term abortions, injuries to women, and death to women.

Five Abuses We Need To Fight with Urgency!

- 1. NO INFORMED CONSENT:** Maryland does not require abortion providers to counsel patients before an abortion. Nineteen states do. These include negative consequences of added risk of breast cancer, infertility, long term mental anguish. Neither do they have to show an ultrasound or inform of preborn's level of development.
- 2. NO 24-HR WAITING PERIOD:** Majority of states have 24-Hr wait. Includes all surrounding jurisdictions except DC. (DE law under review). **Maryland allows walk-in surgical abortions!**
Note: The majority of the states with 24-hr waits, do not require a woman to make a second trip.

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3. NO STATISTICAL REPORT TO HEALTH DEPT: How many women have had surgical and medical abortions in Maryland in 2015? The MD State Health Department unable to answer! **Fierce political lobbying** by NARAL in 2013 resulted in **rejection of bill** that would have required once per year confidential reports to the Health Dept. The Maryland Right To Life, says, *'Maryland has no way to verify efforts to reduce unplanned pregnancy rates in the state.'*

4. NO LEGAL PROTECTION FOR VIABLE PREBORN: Maryland is one of only ten states that allow elective abortion through all nine months. Why? Because the 'health of the mother' provision trumps the 'life of the child.' Ridiculous health excuses include 'anxiety from pregnancy'! Note: Only seven out of 193 countries in the world permit killing of the viable preborn. Most of the civilized world bans abortion at 24 weeks, if not earlier. Seven countries including China, N. Korea, Vietnam, Netherlands have no limit. Ref: Charlotte Lozier Institute. Leroy Carhart kills 50-100 viable children every year in Montgomery County.

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5. NO PROTECTION FOR WORKERS WHO OBJECT ON CONSCIENCE: Health care workers and hospitals can be subject to lawsuits, disciplinary action, or recriminatory action if they refuse to make an abortion referral if it is determined that failure to refer for an abortion, is the cause of 'serious long lasting injury.'

- **Serious long lasting injury** they say includes 'anxiety,' and 'emotional distress.'
- This separate statute, 20-214(d), was written into effect several months after Gov. Shaefer signed the radically pro-abortion law in Feb 1991.

Foremost Response to these 5 Abuses:

- **PRAY DAILY** - TO BE ABLE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THESE EVILS.
- **FASTING** – FOR CONVERSION OF MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS AND AMA.
- **PUBLIC VIGIL** – PRAYING OUTDOORS IN FRONT OF ABORTION FACILITY
- **EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH** – PHONE AND EMAIL YOUR LEGISLATORS

WE HAVE AN INSTRUMENT IN 40 DAYS – IT IS THE WEBSITE FOR COLLEGE PARK – **REGISTER AS A USER TO OBTAIN RESOURCES** - SEE NEXT SLIDE!

<https://40DaysForLife.com/local-campaigns/college-park/>

- THIS WEBSITE IS OUR INSTRUMENT FOR EMPOWERING OURSELVES TO BE DETERMINED, FAITHFUL, AND PEACEFUL ACTIVISTS.
- WE NEED TO CHANGE OUR CULTURE THROUGH PERSONAL PRAYER YES – BUT IMPORTANTLY TO GENTLY ENGAGE THE PUBLIC AS VISIBLE HUMBLE WITNESSES SEEKING REPARATION. 2 Chronicles 7:14
- MAY WE COME TO DO HIS WILL WITH GRACE AND CARRY OUT HIS PLAN FOR ENDING ABORTION IN MARYLAND.

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