



DESTROYING OUR FUTURE

Abortion's Cost to our Economy

Our children are our future. Society is made up of people of all ages, living together and helping each other to achieve a higher standard of living. By destroying a large part of our next generation, we are destroying our own future. Consider these examples of how the 62 million abortions since 1973 and an aging population hurt our prosperity:

Abortion contributes to the unsustainability of entitlements

According to trustees of Social Security and Medicare, "Social Security and Medicare both face long-term financing shortfalls under currently scheduled benefits and financing. Costs of both programs will grow faster than gross domestic product (GDP) through the mid-2030s primarily due to the rapid aging of the U.S. population." The trust funds for Social Security and Medicare

are predicted to run out in 2033 and 2031, respectively. In 2022, about 66 million people received Social Security and about 65 million received Medicare.¹ How many contributions would 62 million aborted Americans have made, since the vast majority of them would not qualify for either program and most would be in the workforce today?

Abortion increases health care costs

Overall, health care costs continue to increase, and abortion will exacerbate the situation. Looking at the total an average person spends on health care over the course of their life, 79.6% of those costs come after age 40, and 48.6% come after age sixty-five. Health insurance operates by healthy people's premiums paying for sick people's treatments. Like Medicare, an aging population means more elderly people incurring health care costs and fewer younger and healthy people paying for health insurance. The aging of the population could increase health care costs 20% by 2030.²

A state in decline

Michigan has traditionally been a booming state. While many factors have led to Michigan's decline, abortion has played a large role. Michigan grew as a state consistently until the 1970s,³ when abortion was legalized. From 1980 to 2022, there have been 1.36 million reported abortions,⁴ with an overall estimate of 1.6 million abortions since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. That means in a state with 10 million residents today, we are missing 16% of our current population. Abortion has hit the city of Detroit especially hard, which currently accounts for nearly one quarter of all abortions in the state. The story of Detroit demonstrates that a declining population means an inability of government to maintain expected levels of public services, and an inability of political leaders to cope with grave challenges. These result in accelerating decline as people feel the long-term economic squeeze of harmful short-term decisions.



Abortion destroys innovation

The difference between how Americans lived in 1776 and how we live today has been in large part due to the amazing scientific discoveries in that short time. Life-changing innovations like electricity, antibiotics, automobiles and global telecommunications have come about because of the ingenuity of many individuals.

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Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.

- PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

When we kill an unborn child, we also kill their future dreams, creativity and knowledge. How much impact could 62 million additional minds have had on society? We'll never really know what the world could have looked like with our missing generations. Would more young customers create greater demand for our auto or housing industries? Looking at the average per capita gross domestic product of Americans, 62 million abortions has cost our economy \$4.74 trillion, in just one year.⁵ It is clear that abortion not only robs a child of her future, it robs our society of future prosperity.

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³ U.S. Census Bureau

⁴ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services annual abortion reports

⁵ Per capita G.D.P from World Bank

