STAGES OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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## SURVEY RESULTS

## **1** The risk of breast cancer nearly doubles after one abortion and increases even more with two or more abortions. <sup>(1)</sup>

**2** Women who have had abortions are more likely to give birth to children with handicaps.<sup>(2)</sup>

**B** Post-abortive women are likely to have worse health over all than other women. <sup>(3)</sup>

**4** One in five women who have had abortions will suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder — the illness most commonly linked with soldiers returning from the battlefront. <sup>(4)</sup>

**5** As many as **60 percent** of women who have had abortions **think about suicide**. <sup>(5)</sup>

6 Women who abort are twice as likely to become heavy smokers. <sup>(6)</sup>

**7** Abortion is linked with a two-fold increased risk of alcohol abuse among women. <sup>(7)</sup>

Abortion is linked to subsequent drug abuse. <sup>(8)</sup>

## Want to help empower women by joining the fight against abortion?

Contact the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at **lifelines@paprolife.org** or by calling **717-541-0034**.



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**9** Women who abort are **more likely to suffer from eating disorders** such as anorexia and bulimia.<sup>(9)</sup>

**10** Abortion is linked with increased depression and violent behavior — factors which are closely associated with child abuse. (10)

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NO MATTER WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TOLD... PRO-LIFE IS PRO-WOMAN!

In a recent poll, **84 percent** of the American women surveyed said that

abortion <u>has not</u>

improved the lives

of women.

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