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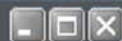
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1. Abortion in Europe in Figures



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Abortion in figures

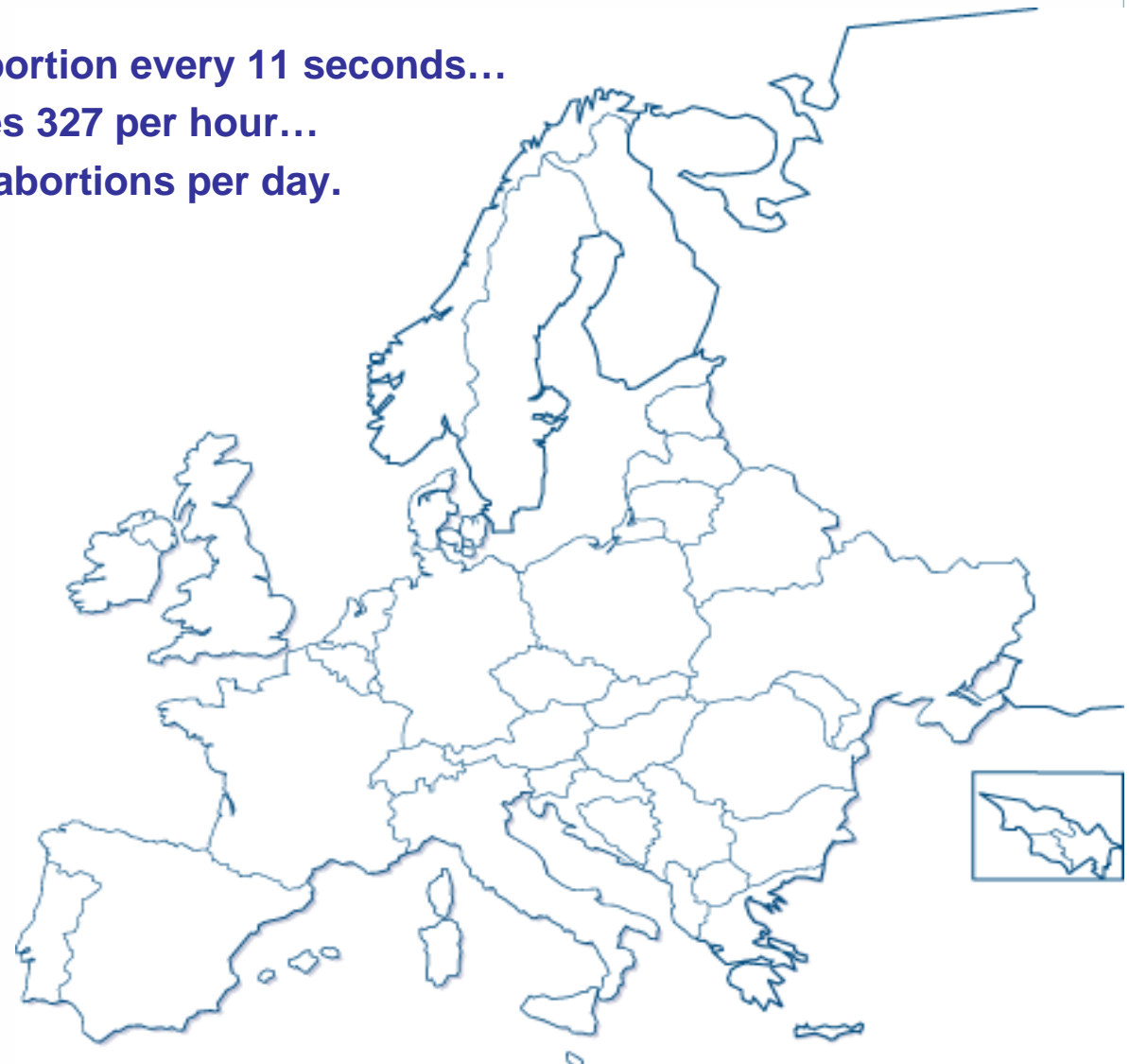
In Europe (EU27 and the rest of Europe) 2,9 million abortions (2.863.649 abortions) were carried out in 2008 (*)

**There is an abortion every 11 seconds...
...which makes 327 per hour...
...and 7.468 abortions per day.**

EUROPE (UE27)	
BELGIUM	
SPAIN	
FRANCE	
UNITED KINGDOM	
FINLAND	
LUXEMBOURG	
ITALY	
NETHERLANDS	
GERMANY	
IRELAND	
GREECE	
DIENMARK	
AUSTRIA	
PORTUGAL	
SWEDEN	
CYPRUS	
POLAND	
HUNGARY	
CZECH REPUBLIC	
SLOVAQUIA	
MALTA	
ROMANÍA	
BULGARIA	
ESTONIA	
LATVIA	
LITHUANIA	
SLOVENIA	

Resto EUROPA (no UE27)	
ALBANIA	
ANDORRA	
BELARUS	
BOSNIA-HERZOGOVINA	
CROATIA	
ICELAND	
MACEDONIA	
MOLDAVIA	
MONTENEGRO	
NORWAY	
SERBIA	
SWITZERLAND	
UKRAINE	
RUSSIA	

(*) The Countries of the EU27 together with Albania, Andorra, Bielorrusia , Bosnia- Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Montenegro, Norway, Moldavia, Serbia, Switzerland, Macedonia, Ukraine, and Russia



Abortion in figures

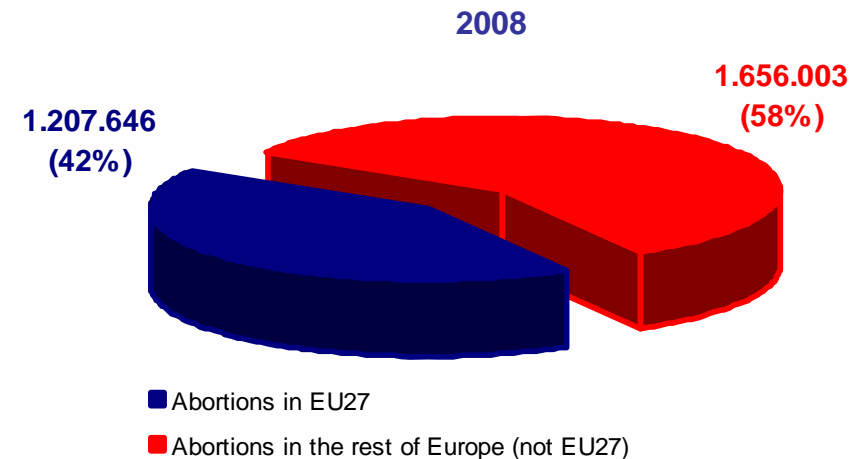
...of which more than one million two hundred thousand (1.207.646) abortions were carried out in the EU-27, per year.



In EU27 there is an abortion every 26 seconds...

...138 abortions per hour...

...and 3.309 abortions per day...



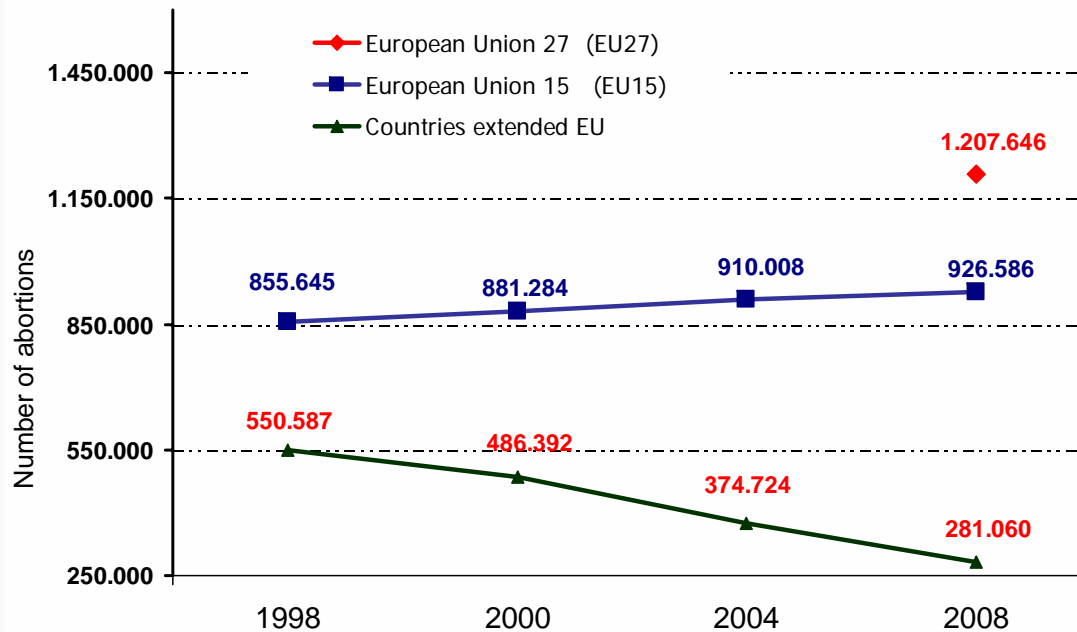
42% of the abortions in Europe (1.207.646 abortions) were carried out in EU27, while the remaining 58% correspond to the rest of Europe (not EU27).

Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF)
drawn from EUROSAT and National data



Abortion in figures

While in the countries of the EU15 the number of abortions has increased by 70.000 abortions per year (8,3% increase) over the last 10 years (1998-2008)...



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from EUROSAT and National data

While there were 855.645 abortions in 1998 in EU15, in 2008 there were 926.586. This means 70.941 abortions more per year, which means an increase of 8,3%.

...thanks above all to Spain, representing 87% of the increase in abortions in the European Union 15...

Spain, with 61.965 more abortions per year in the last 10 years, represents 87% of the total increase in abortions in the EU15.

...nevertheless, and in this same period of time in the countries of the extended European Union the number of abortions has gone down by 49%.

In the countries of the extended European Union, there were 550.587 abortions in 1998 and 281.060 in 2008. This means there were 269.527 abortions fewer, representing a decrease of 49%.



Abortion in figures

In fact, in 2008, three out of every four abortions, (77%) were carried out in the countries of the EU15, with a total sum of nearly 1 million abortions per year...

There were more than 925.000 abortions in the EU15 in 2008.

Of the 1.207646 abortions in the 27 countries of the European Union in 2008, 926.568 took place in countries of the EU15, representing 77% of the total.



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF)
drawn from EUROSAT and National data

...while in the countries of the extended European Union there were fewer than 300.000 abortions per year.

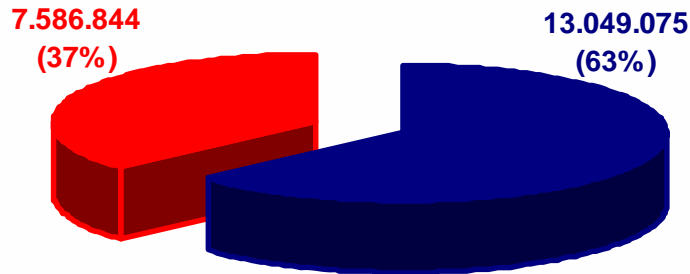
In the 12 new Member States there were 281.060 abortions in 2008 accounting for 23% of the total number of abortions.



Abortion in figures

In the last 15 years 20 million children (20.635.919) have been “lost” via abortion in EU27...

The Sum of Abortions (1994-2008)



- The Sum of Abortions EU15 (1994-2008)
- The Sum of Abortions Extended Europe (1994-2008)

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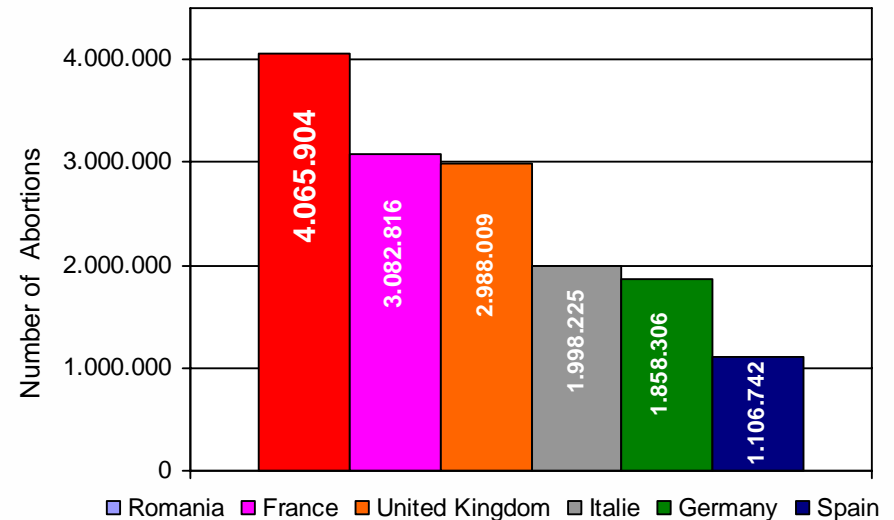
Romania, France and United Kingdom are, with a difference, the countries of the EU27 with the largest number of abortions in the period 1994-2008...

...although the number of abortions in Romania has descended, going from 530.191 abortions in 1994 to 127.907 in 2008.

2 out of every 3 abortions (63%) was carried out in EU15.

In the last 15 years 20.635.919 children have been lost via abortion in EU27, of which 13.049.075 (63% of the total) were in EU15, and 7.586.844 (37% of the total) in the countries of the extended European Union.

The Sum of Abortions (1994-2008) by countries.

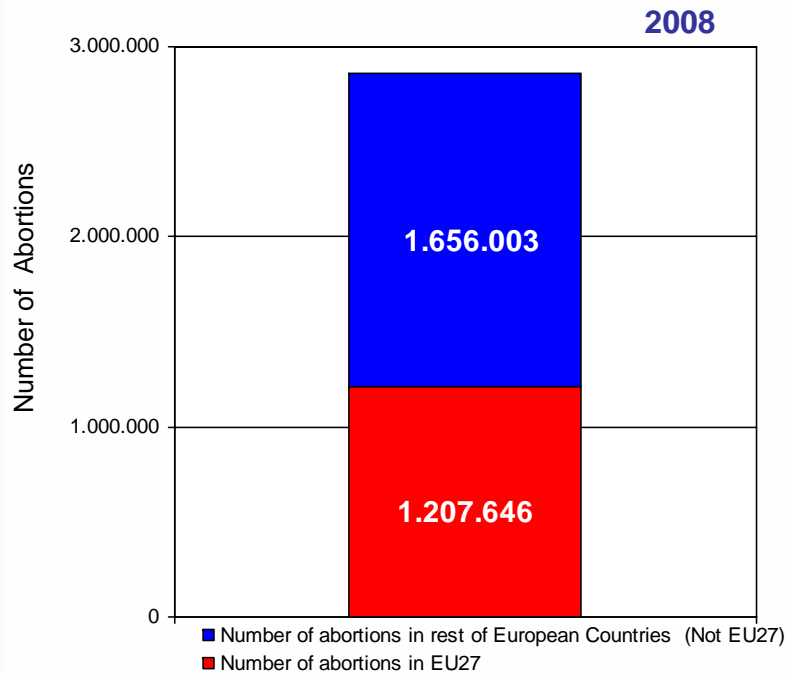


Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF)
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Abortion in figures

The number of abortions per year in Europe (2.9 million abortions) in 2008 is equivalent to the population of Estonia, Cyprus, Luxembourg and Malta together...



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from EUROSAT and National data

Each year in Europe abortion eliminates the equivalent of the populations of **Estonia**, (1.3 million people), **Cyprus** (0.8 million people), **Luxembourg** (0.5 million people) and **Malta** (0.4 million people).

...or the entire populations of **Slovenia** (2 million people), **Latvia** (2.2 million people) or **Lithuania** (3.3 million people).

Likewise the number of abortions in EU27 in 2008 (1.2 million abortions) is the equivalent of the populations of **Luxembourg** and **Malta** together...

Each year due to abortion the equivalent of the populations of **Luxembourg** and **Malta** are lost, or the entire populations of **Slovenia** or **Cyprus**.

...making abortion the prime cause of mortality in Europe.



...And with detectable effects...

- The number of abortions in EU27 in one year (1.207.64) is equivalent to the deficit in the birth rate in Europe.
- Daily, 3.309 children are not born due to abortion in EU27. This is the equivalent of 2 middle sized schools vanishing every day for lack of children.
- In 12 days in EU27 there are more abortions than deaths on the road in an entire year (39.000 dead in 2008).
- In the last 15 years (1994-2008) the number of abortions adds up to 20 million. This represents the populations of Romania, Netherlands, or indeed the sum of the populations of the following 9 countries: Denmark, Ireland, Slovenia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Luxembourg and Cyprus.Chipre.

...offering a disquieting and desolate panorama.

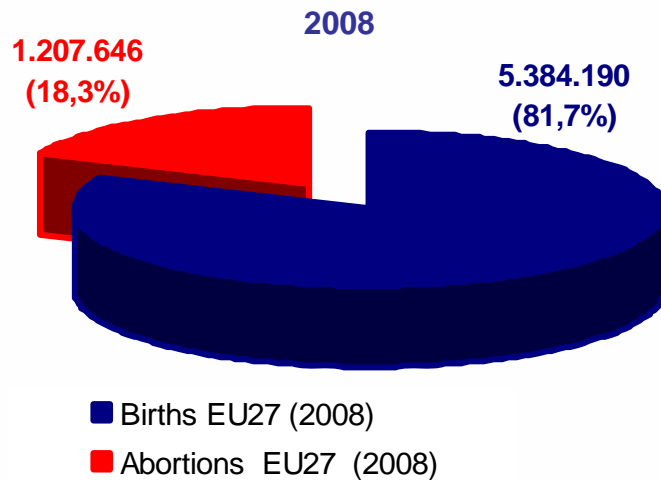


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2. Characteristics of the Abortions



One in every five pregnancies (18.3%) terminates in abortion...



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Of the 6.5 million pregnancies in EU27 in 2008...

...1.2 million terminated in abortion...

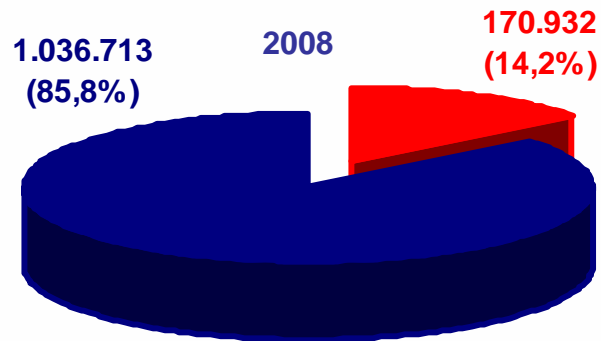
In 2008 there were 6.591.836 pregnancies in EU27, of which 1.207.646 terminated in abortion (18.3% of the pregnancies) and only 5.384.190 came to completion with the birth of a child.

...representing therefore 18,3% over the total number of pregnancies.



Characteristics of the Abortions

In 2008, 1 out of every 7 abortions (14.2%) in EU27 was carried out on girls under 20.



- Abortions girls under 20
- Abortions other ages

Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF)
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United Kingdom is the EU27 country with the largest number of adolescent abortions.

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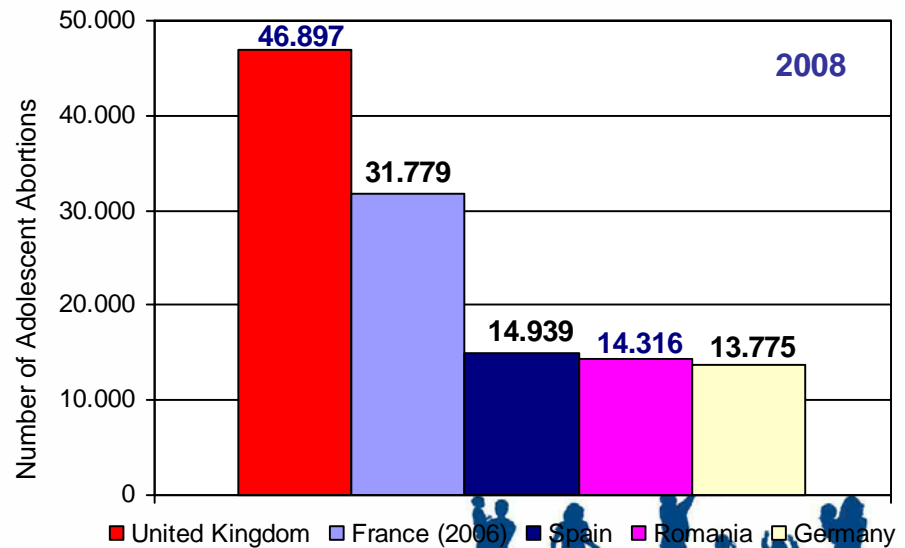
Then come **France** (31.779), **Spain** (14.939), **Romania** (14.316) and **Germany** (13.775)

More than 170.000 abortions in girls under 20 in EU27...

The number of abortions in girls under 20 was 170.932 in 2008 in EU27.

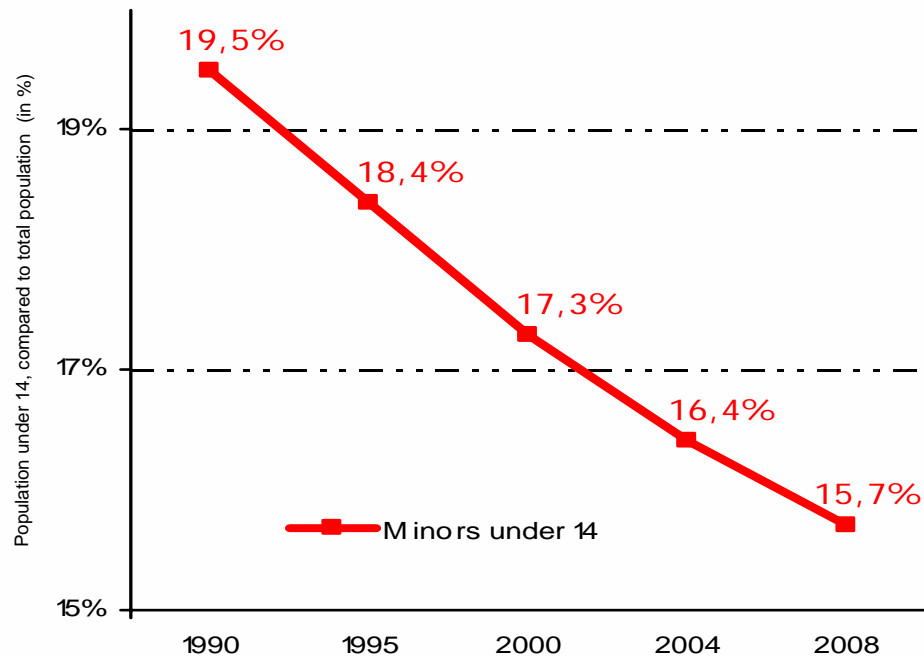
...and, on including the rest of Europe, this figure goes up to 338.000 abortions.

In 2008 , 167.285 abortions were performed on adolescent girls in the other European countries (not EU27) which added to those of the E-U27 , came to 338.217 adolescent abortions.



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF)
drawn from EUROSAT and National data

Abortion has become one of the causes of the low birth rate in Europe...



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from EUROSAT and National data

In 2008, 774.000 (774.823) fewer children were born than in 1982, which represents a reduction of 12.5%, despite an increase in population of 37 million in that period.

...and of the aging population.

There are 6,5million more individuals over 65, (85 million people) than individuals under 14 (78.5 million).

In the last 15 years (1993-2008) 10.5 million young people have been lost...

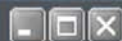
The population under 14 in EU27 has descended from 89 million in 1993 to only 78.4 million in 2008, which represents 10.5 million young people less.

...which would have been avoided had there been no abortions.



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3. Abortion in the countries of the EU27



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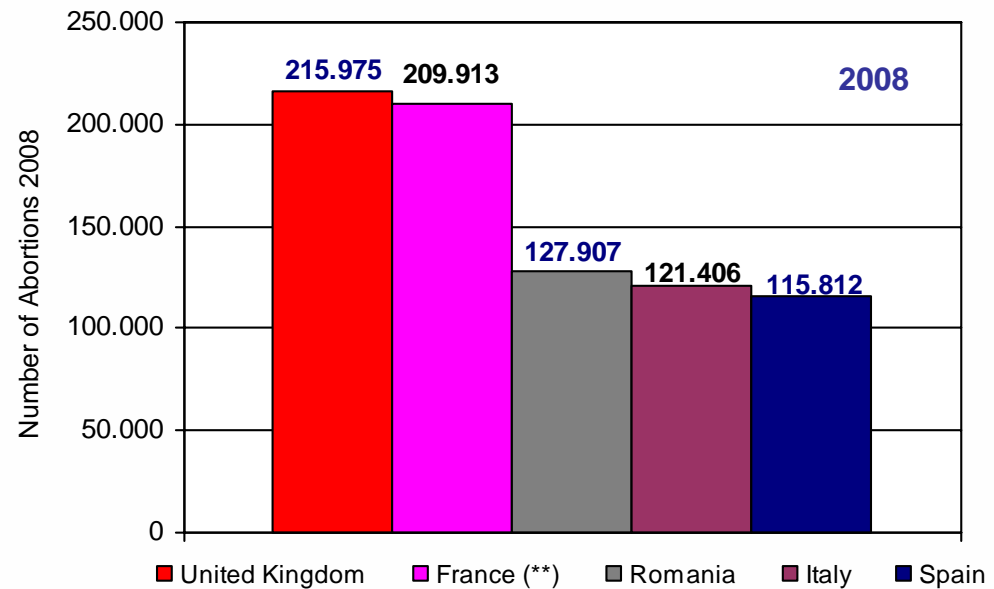
Number of Abortions. EU 27 Countries (2008)

United Kingdom	215.975
France (**)	209.913
Romania	127.907
Italy	121.406
Spain	115.812
Germany	114.484
Hungary	44.089
Sweden	38.049
Bulgaria	36.593
Netherlands (*)	28.330
Czech Republic	25.760
Austria	18.403
Belgium (*)	18.033
Greece (*)	16.495
Denmark (*)	14.984
Slovakia	13.394
Latvia	10.425
Finland	10.230
Lithuania	9.031
Estonia	8.409
Slovenia	4.946
Portugal (*)	4.325
Poland	506
Luxembourg	147

Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from EUROSAT and National data

(*) 2007
(**) 2006

United Kingdom, France, Romania, Italy and Spain are the countries of the EU27 with the highest number of abortions...



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...making a total of 775.000 abortions per year between them.



Abortion in the countries of the EU27

Increase in the Number of Abortions (1998-2008)

Spain	61.965
United Kingdom	16.088
Sweden	7.041
Belgium	6.034
Greece	4.657
Netherlands	4.189
Portugal	4.015
Austria	1.743
France	1.534
Poland	196
Luxembourg	147
Finland	-514
Denmark	-1.608
Slovenia	-4.170
Estonia	-7.389
Slovakia	-7.715
Latvia	-9.539
Lithuania	-11.991
Italy	-16.948
Czech Republic	-17.199
Germany	-17.311
Hungary	-24.882
Bulgaria	-43.249
Romania	-143.589

Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from EUROSAT and National data.

...But of all the EU27 countries, dramatically, Spain has, the largest increase in numbers of abortions over the last ten years (1998-2008)...

...with 61.965 more abortions per year, representing 115% increase.

Spain, with 61,965 more abortions per year (an increase of 115%) has become the country with the highest increase in numbers of abortions in the last ten years, followed far behind by the United Kingdom, (16.088 more abortions per year) and Sweden (7.041 more abortions per year).

In nearly all the countries of EU15, excepting Germany, Italy, Denmark and Finland, there has been an increase in the number of abortions...

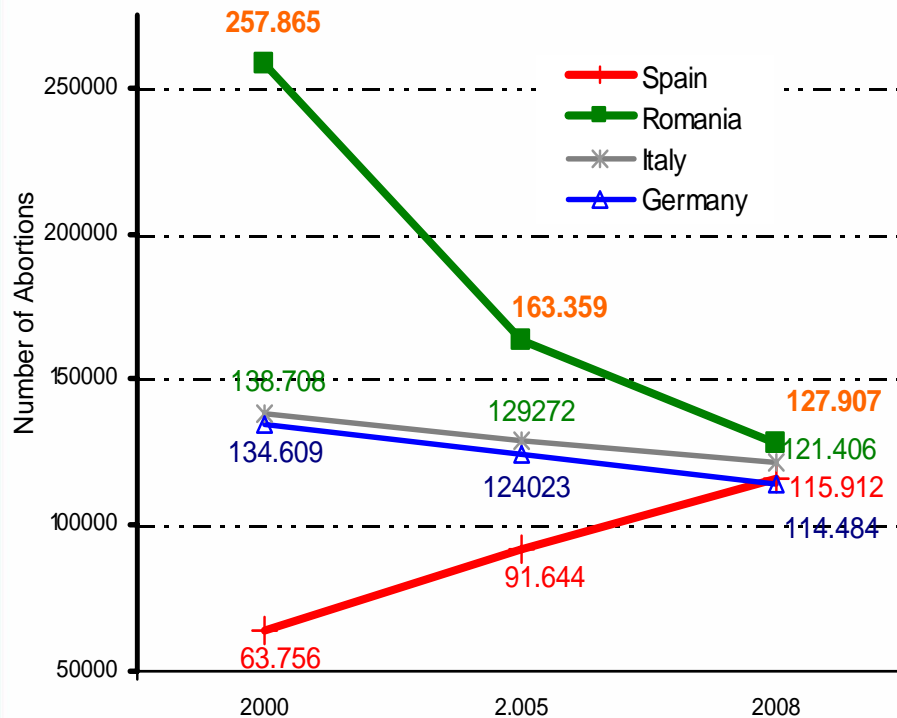
In all the countries of the EU15, excepting Germany, Italy, and Denmark, the number of abortions has gone up in the last ten years.

...however, in all the countries of the extended Europe there have been fewer abortions.



Abortion in the countries of the EU27

The increase in abortion in Spain has been so great that in 2008 (115.912 abortions) they surpassed the Germans (114.484) and almost caught up with Italy, (121.406) and Rumania (127.907)...



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from EUROSAT and National data

While in Romania, Italy, Germany, and United Kingdom the number of abortions in 2008 has descended....

The number of abortions descended in 2008 in **Romania** (-9.319), **Italy** (-5.156), **Germany** (-2.387) and **United Kingdom** (-3.361), compared to figures for 2007.

...in **Spain** the number of abortions has continued to rise, practically reaching the figure of 116.000 abortions per year (115.912)...

...overtaking **Germany** in number of abortions and almost on a level with **Italy** and **Romania**.

...to become the fifth country of the EU27 with most abortions...

...and with the numbers showing a tendency to continue rising.



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4. Legislation on Abortion in EU27



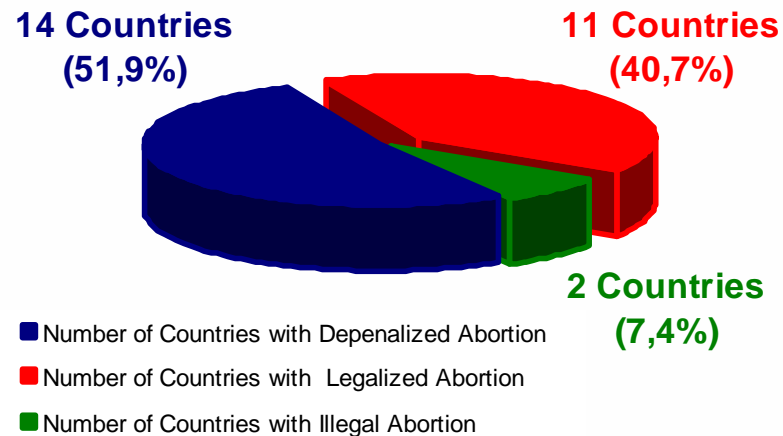
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Legislation on Abortion

In two out of three countries (16 countries-60%) of the European Union (EU27) abortion always needs some form of depenalizing context or it is illegal...



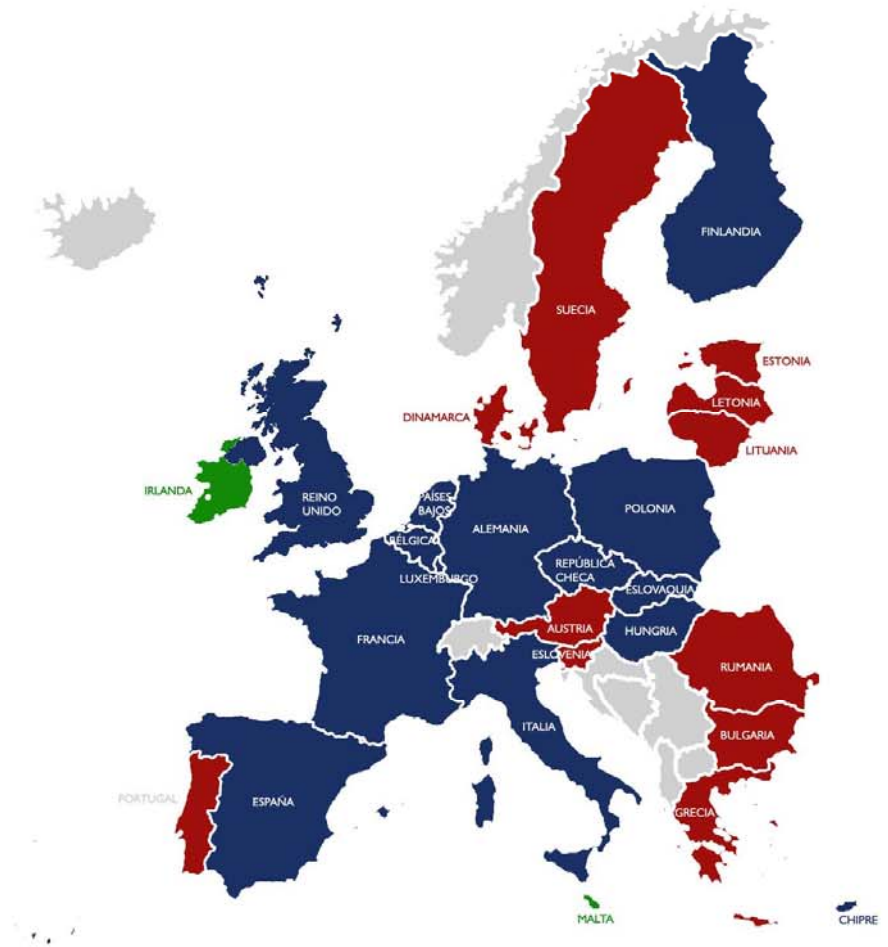
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In most countries of the EU27 abortion is allowed in certain circumstances, the conditions and characteristics are variable.

...while in 40% of these countries (11 countries) it is possible to abort without elaborating reasons or specific causes.

Legislation on Abortion

Europe	
Countries with Abortion Laws CON Y SIN NECESIDAD DE CAUSAS	
Belgium	EU15
Spain	EU15
France	EU15
United Kingdom	EU15
Finland	EU15
Luxembourg	EU15
Italy	EU15
Netherlands	EU15
Germany	EU15
Ireland	EU15
Greece	EU27
Denmark	EU27
Austria	EU27
Portugal	EU27
Sweden	EU27
Extended EU27	
Cyprus	EU27
Poland	EU27
Hungary	EU27
Czech Republic	EU27
Slovakia	EU27
MALTA	EU27
Romania	EU27
Bulgaria	EU27
Estonia	EU27
Latvia	EU27
Lithuania	EU27
Slovenia	EU27

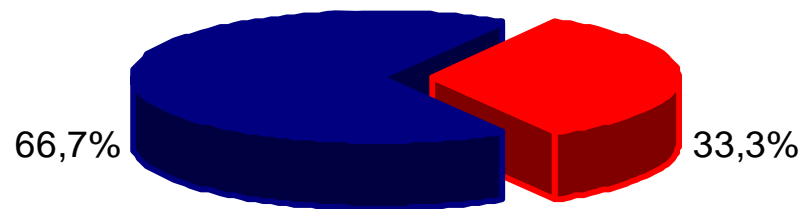


■ Countries with abortion laws where causes are required
 ■ Countries with abortion laws where causes are NOT required
 ■ Countries where abortion is illegal

Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from National data

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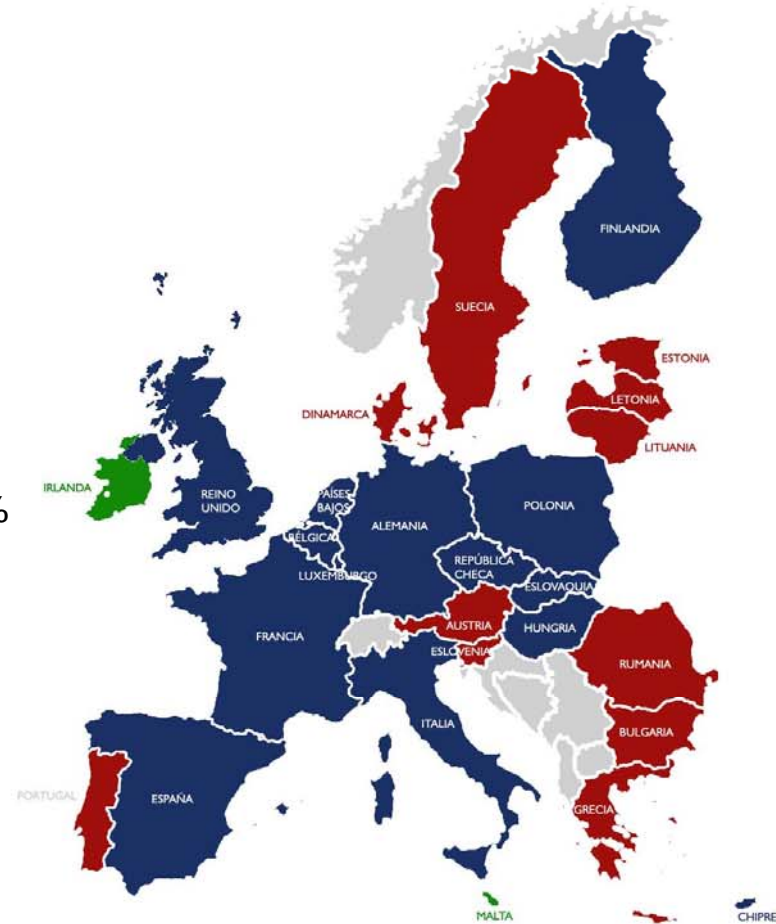
In most of the countries of the EU15 (10 countries-66%) it is **ALWAYS** necessary to allege some depenalizing cause in order to abort...



- Number of countries with Depenalized Abortion EU15
- Number of countries with Legalized Abortion EU15

Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from National data

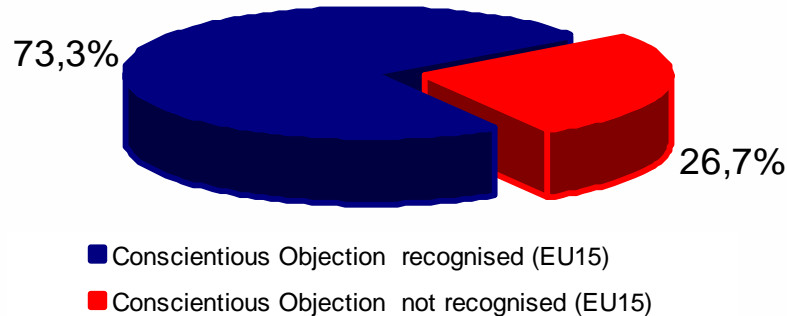
...while in half of the countries of the extended EU on certain occasions no cause need be alleged to abort.



- Countries with abortion laws where causes are required
- Countries with abortion laws where causes are NOT required
- Countries where abortion is illegal

Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from National data

Most countries of EU15 (73%) recognise conscientious objection...



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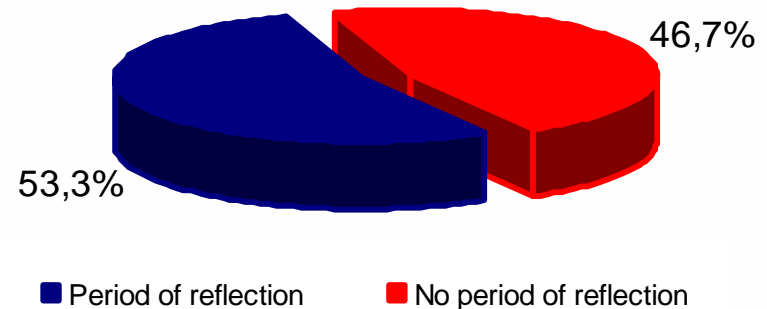
In three out of every 4 countries of the EU15 (73%) the right to conscientious objection is explicitly recognised in the countries' legislation.

Thus, in Belgium, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Italy, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Austria and Portugal the right to conscientious objection is explicitly recognised in their legislation.

...and a period of reflection is imposed.

In the countries of EU15 there is generally a period of reflection of approximately one week.

Thus in Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Italy, Holland, Germany, Greece and Portugal there is an obligatory period of reflection, generally between 5 and 7 days.

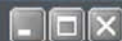


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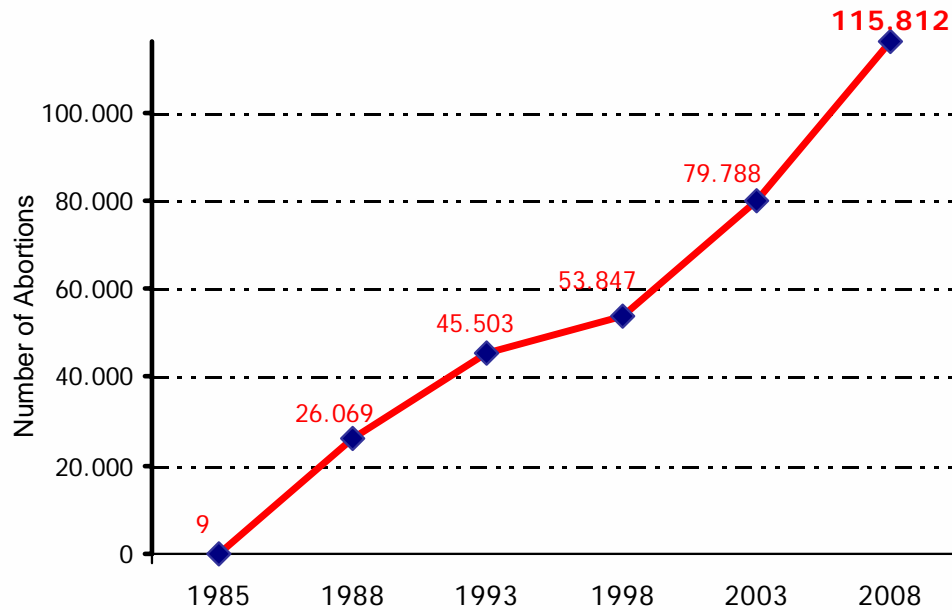
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5. The New Law on Abortion in Spain



Abortion in Spain has soared...

...with more than 115.000 abortions in 2008



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from MSC (Spain)

An abortion is carried out every 4.5 minutes.

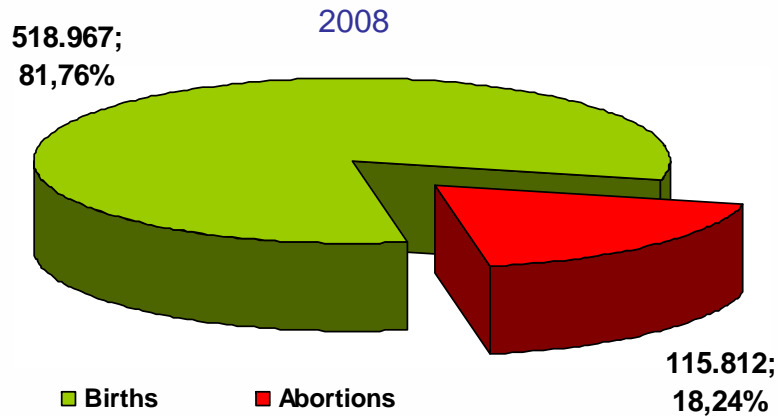
Every day there are 317 abortions, i.e. 13 abortions per hour.

Every hour two adolescents abort in Spain.

...and just over the last 10 years (1998-2008), the number of abortions has grown, by 115%, from 53.847 to 115.812.



Nearly 1 in 5 pregnancies terminated in abortion in 2008...

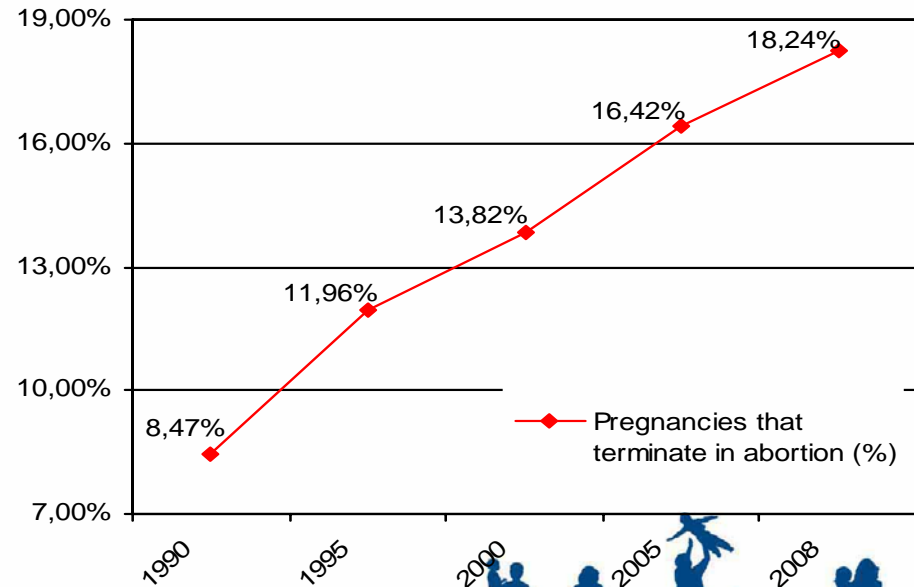


Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from MSC (Spain)

...representing 18.24% of the pregnancies.

In as little as 18 years (1980-2008) the number of abortions has grown from representing scarcely 8.47% of the pregnancies in 1990, to representing more than 18.24% in 2008.

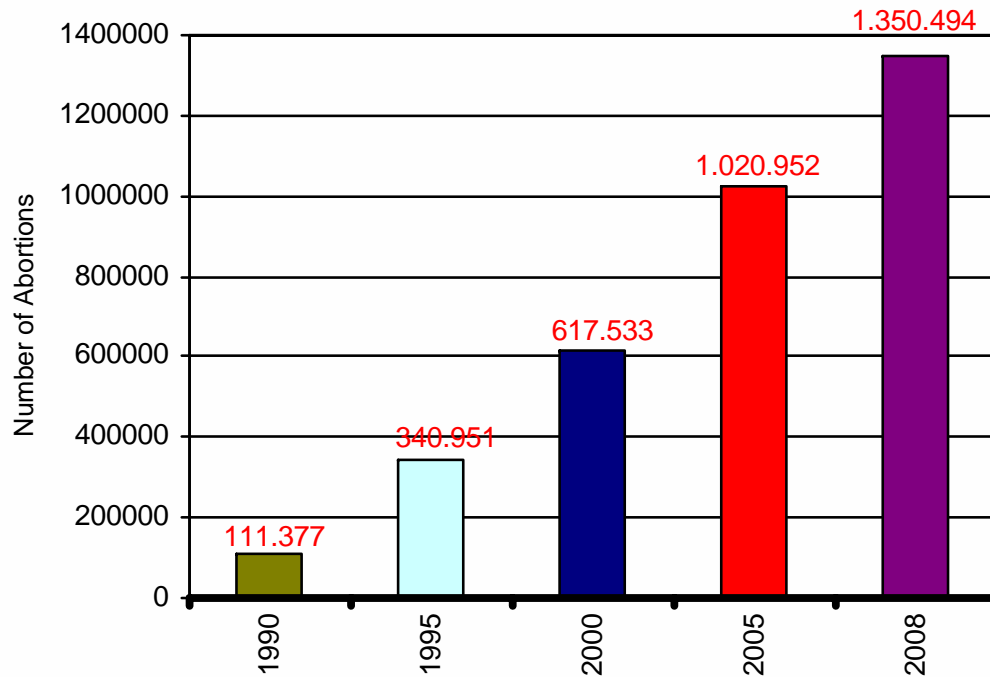
In 2008 of 634.779 pregnancies, 518.967 resulted in births, and 115.812 terminated in abortion, meaning that 1 in 5 pregnancies (18.24%) terminated in abortion.



Source: Institute for Family Policies (IPF) drawn from MSC (Spain)

Present situation of Abortion in Spain

Since 1985 there have been more than one million three hundred thousand abortions in all (1.350.494 abortions)...



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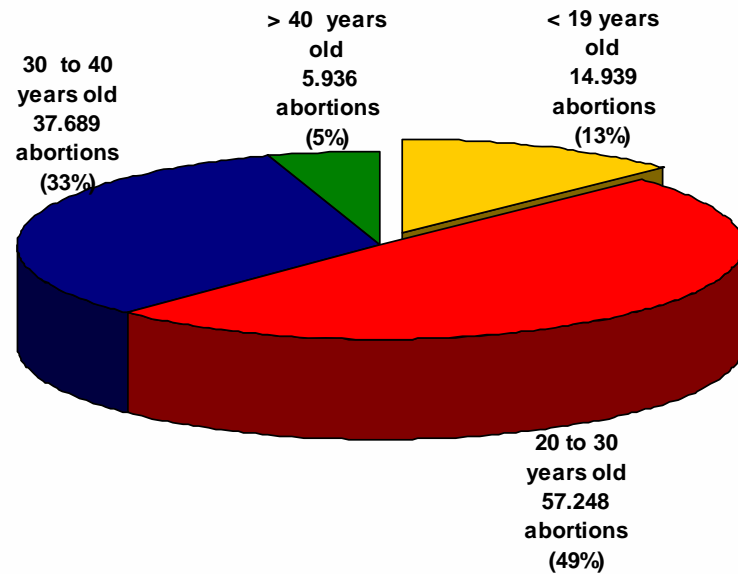
...making it not only the prime cause of mortality...

...but also the prime cause of violence against those women who are led to abort.



Present situation of Abortion in Spain

57.000 abortions (49.4% of abortions) were performed on women between 20 and 30 years old...



Of the 115.812 abortions in Spain, in 2008, more than 57.000 were performed on women between 20 and 30 years old.

...and nearly 15.000 abortions (13%) were performed on girls under the age of 20.

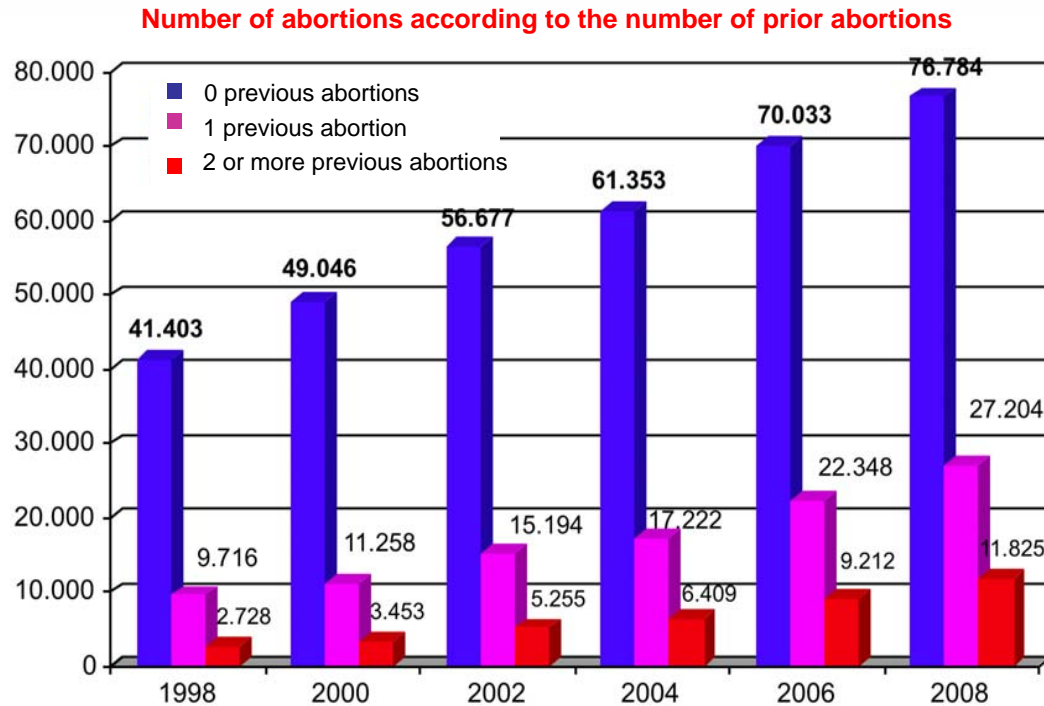
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Present situation of Abortion in Spain

In Spain abortion is used as a birth control method...

...1 in 3 abortions has been preceded by prior abortions...



Produced by IPF based on data from the Ministry of Health and INE (National Statistics Institute, Spain)

In 2008, there were 39.028 abortions of women that had had previous abortions, of which 11.825 had done so more than once before.

This means that the number of cases of several abortions by the same people has increased by 213% over the past 10 years, going from 12.444 in 1998 to 39.029 in 2008.

Moving from 23% in 1998 to 33% in 2008.

The number women who have had 5 or more abortions before this last one has multiplied by 13 to 811 cases in 2008.

...with an increase of 213% over the last 10 years.



And with the spectacular increase in abortions in Spain...

...the new Law on Abortion (“Law on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy”) puts forward the following proposals:

- **Abortion without paternal consent as from the age of 16**
- **Abort freely, legally, until the 14th week of pregnancy**
- **Abortion legal also thereafter :**
 - until the 22 week**, in two cases: risk to the life or health of the mother or serious abnormality in the foetus
 - until the end of the pregnancy**, a Clinical Committee may authorize an abortion when they detect abnormalities in the foetus incompatible with life.
- **Conscientious objection is restricted to the “professionals of the health service directly involved in the voluntary interruption of pregnancy.”**
- **The “rights to sexual and reproductive health”, the “right to sexual education” and the “access on equal terms to methods of birth control” are raised to the condition of laws.**
- **- “Information and education on sexuality, its emotional and reproductive characteristics,” become obligatory in the formal educational system, viewed from a particular, ”gender based perspective”.**
- **The formation of professionals of the health service will be based on “the perspective of gender and will include (...) the formation necessary to perform the voluntary interruption of pregnancy”.**
- **Guarantee that abortion will be accessible to all and for free .**

*Passed by the Spanish Parliament on 17/02/2009 and finally by the Senate on 24/02/2010 (with no changes)



And with consequences that are socially, legally regressive and out of line with Europe.

- **Increase of abortions**

In 2015 there will be more than 150.000 abortions per year

- **Evolution out of line with the rest of Europe**

While in other countries the number of abortions will continue to decrease or remain the same, in Spain the number of abortions will continue to grow.

- **Spain will be the country of the EU27 with the largest number of abortions**

Spain will become, together with France and United Kingdom the country of the EU27 with the largest number of abortions.

- **The Spanish Legislation will be out of line with the rest of Europe**

The new law on abortion will be out of line with the majority of the legislation of the EU in the following aspects for example

- Necessity of cause for abortion
- Recognition of conscientious objection
- Paternal consent for minors
- Recognition of abortion as a Right

- **Contrary to the Spanish Constitution (Articles 15* and 27**)**

If abortion is considered to be a woman's right, the right to life can no longer be considered due to a person for being a person per se.. Moreover the nasciturus is left without the protection stipulated in STC 53/1985. Furthermore, it usurps the right of parents to choose the type of education they wish their children to receive, imposing on them a particular form of sexual education.

(*) Article 15.C.E. "All have a right to life"

(**) Article 27.3.C.E. "The public authorities guarantee the right of parents for their children to receive the religious and moral formation that coincides with their own convictions."



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6. Proposals of IPF



Precedents

- * Abortion has become the principle cause of mortality and has demonstrated social and demographic effects.
- * The policies of various administrations have failed, and/or have become obsolete, making radical change necessary. New solutions are imperative.
- * The Administrations should undertake real policies aimed at prevention, based on increased social aids, including financial, for pregnant women.
- * Likewise, a policy of prevention is urgently needed , to offer formation and information ,as regards alternatives to abortion and the consequences of abortion to women.



Objectives

The promotion of public policies that guarantee the rights of the unborn child and the rights of women to maternity , eliminating the obstacles that hinder maternity, while registering abortion explicitly as an act of aggression directed against women.

Aims

1. To eliminate the obstacles hindering the right of women to maternity.
2. To set up support systems for pregnant women.
3. To increase public resources from administrations, including budgeting.
4. To launch campaigns to re-evaluate, rethink, the importance both personal and social, of maternity, pregnancy, birth.
5. To promote the rights of the unborn child

Proposals

1. **The preparation of a Green Book on Birth Rates in Europe**, to analyse the issues at stake, causes and consequences, and propose solutions and alternatives, to the problems.
2. **The formation of a specialised Cabinet of Ministers for the Family**, to analyse the problem of falling birth rates and the consequences to aging populations, the demographic winter....
3. Proposal to the countries concerned, of a **European National Plan** to analyse population growth and birth rates, adequately funded, to be revised every 3 years.
4. Proposal to the countries concerned, **for Universal Direct Aid of 1.125 Euros to the pregnant woman**, to be paid in the 22 week of pregnancy, (equivalent to 125 euros for 9 months).
5. **Specific program to help the pregnant adolescent and immigrant**, to support two social groups that are particularly vulnerable.
6. **Direct line of funding specifically to NGOs that help pregnant women.**



7. **Centres to "Help, Look After and Advise" pregnant women, to support all mothers, married or single, to have their child.**
8. **Reduction of 50% VAT in a series of basic infant products (hygienic, - soaps, creams, nappies, towels, - nutritional, - milks, bottles, cereals, purees, or in furniture, - baby chairs, cots etc.)**

In the case of Spain:

9. **The withdrawal of the New Law on abortion together with the elimination of the clause of supposed "psychologic risk to the mother" as the principal cause for the current loophole within the law.**
10. **That abortion be signed by 2 doctors of the Social Security after an analysis and receiving psychologic assistance from a center of support to pregnant women. It will include a regulation of informed consent specific to abortion related matters, covering also information for the pregnant woman on the consequences on the woman's physical and psychologic health that abortion can have.**



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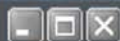
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