



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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### Bias in Post-Abortion Studies

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**Education:** Pro-abortion sources (such as Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH) have published studies which claim to show that abortion is not linked to mental illness, and a Washington Post headline stated that “95 percent of women who’ve had an abortion say it was the right decision.”(1) But pro-life studies show very different results. How can the contradictory results be explained?

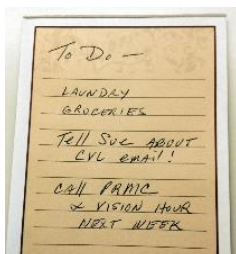
Imagine three women sitting in an abortion clinic waiting for their abortions. “Lisa” is a college sophomore who got pregnant at a fraternity party and has no relationship with the father of the baby. Her parents convinced her that an abortion was the best way to get on with her life, as if the pregnancy had never happened. “Joy” is seventeen, and just cannot bear the thought of telling her parents she is pregnant. Although parental consent is required, she has borrowed the ID of a friend who is 18. “Tricia” is here for her third abortion. She tells herself she really has to be more careful to take her pill at the same time every day so she won’t get pregnant again, but she is glad she can take care of the problem with another abortion; she has done it before and it is no big deal.

Which of these women is more likely to participate in a post-abortion survey? Only 37% of women who ANSIRH asked to participate in the study agreed to do so. Of those who agree, 15 percent dropped out before the first baseline interview, about 8 days after the abortion. The women who anticipate that they won’t want to think or talk about the abortion will refuse to participate, and those who experienced more stress than they anticipated will drop out. (1)

1. David Reardon, in letter to supporters from Elliot Institute, April 5, 2017.



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please have mercy on women who make the mistake of choosing abortion. Help them to recognize the mistake, and repent of their choice. Help them to find a healing ministry to help them to know your forgiveness and peace. Please help the media to recognize the bias in pro-abortion studies, and publish the results of studies which do show the harmful effects of abortion. Please help both the medical community and the general public understand the truth of how abortion harms women, physically, mentally, and spiritually. Help all women considering abortion to learn the truth about how abortion is likely to affect their lives.



**Action:** If you see a news report that abortion has few ill effects, mention to your family and friends that it’s a shame that such deceptive reports are being publicized. Explain how they can be very biased in selecting participants. Tell them that many other studies have been done which do show very negative consequences of abortion but they are virtually ignored by the liberal media. Be aware of post-abortion healing programs, and consider supporting them. For a national abortion recovery care directory, see:

<http://www.abortionrecovery.org/recovery/CAREdirectory/tabid/234/Default.aspx>