



Christian Voices for Life

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Will “Period Pills” Circumvent Abortion Bans?



Education: In a survey published in fall of 2020, women were told that “missed period pills” would cause bleeding similar to a normal period, but would terminate a pregnancy if conception had occurred. (1, 2) So in taking such action, they would be avoiding pregnancy without ever knowing if they were actually having an abortion. This ambiguity was felt to be beneficial for women who were unsure of their feelings about abortion; they may not feel as much guilt as they would if they knew that

they were ending a life. The survey showed that among women who would not be happy to be pregnant, 70% expressed interest in missed period pills. (1)

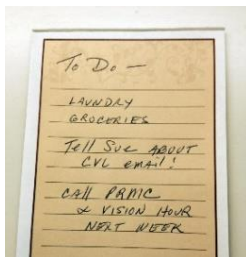
The pills have the same ingredients as abortion pills. The women were told “The pills would be safe to take,” but could cause side effects “similar to those experienced by many women during menstruation.” (3) In fact, these drugs can produce very serious side effects, including severe bleeding, confusion, dizziness, and difficulty breathing. While killing a child with abortion pills is certainly not ethical, neither is it ethical to expose women to significant risks when they might not even be pregnant. (2)

Period pills are currently undergoing clinical trials in several states. If they do become available, some proponents may try to market them as menstrual regulation medication, as a possible way to get around abortion bans. (4)

1. [https://www.contraceptionjournal.org/article/S0010-7824\(20\)30337-1/pdf](https://www.contraceptionjournal.org/article/S0010-7824(20)30337-1/pdf)
2. <https://naturalwomanhood.org/what-are-missed-period-pills-2021/>
3. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/03/opinion/pregnancy-missed-period-pills.html>
4. <https://msmagazine.com/2022/10/20/missed-period-pills-fertility-control/>



Prayer: Dear Lord, please have mercy on all women who are concerned that they may be experiencing an unwelcome pregnancy. Give them wisdom and courage to face the truth and determine if they are actually pregnant. If they have conceived a child, help them to accept that precious baby which you are entrusting to their care. Help them to find whatever support and help they need to feel able to cope with the pregnancy, whether it is from their partner, family or friends, or a nearby pregnancy center. If they have not conceived, help them to re-evaluate their decision to be sexually active when they are not ready for a pregnancy.



Action: Spread the word that “missed period pills” may soon become available in the U.S. Let people know that these pills have the same ingredients as abortion pills, and have serious health risks. Deciding to take these pills is really the same as deciding to abort when you might not even be pregnant. Why burden yourself with that decision when it might not be necessary? There are [lots of reasons for missed periods](#): stress, illness, rapid weight loss or gain, excessive exercise, or some medications.