

# THE PILL KILLS WOMEN & BABIES

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### How does the pill kill women?

The birth control pill and other birth control products have a long list of dangerous side effects. The pill can cause a woman to develop deep vein thrombosis, which is a blood clot that forms in a vein. The blood clot can block the blood supply to the heart or brain, which could result in heart attack, stroke, or death. The clot could also travel to the lungs, which then could result in pulmonary embolism or death. Women have died as a direct result of taking the pill.

### What other ways does the pill kill women?

In 2005, the combined oral contraceptive was classified as a Group 1 carcinogen by the World Health Organization. Group 1 means it definitely causes cancer in humans. Although it is true that the pill helps reduce the risk of some kinds of cancer, WHO said that it increases the risk of breast, cervical, and liver cancer.<sup>1</sup>

### The pill killed women back in the 1950s. Isn't the pill safer now?

In 1956, large-scale clinical trials began for the express purpose of learning the possible side effects of the pill. These trials were conducted so that the pill could gain approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Gregory Pincus, a biologist who worked closely with Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, chose Puerto Rico as the location of the human trials because it provided a large pool of poor, uneducated women who could be easily monitored. These women were literally human guinea pigs. In fact, the local doctor in charge of the study told Pincus that the pill causes "too many side reactions to be generally acceptable." However, Pincus and his chief collaborator, Dr. John Rock, dismissed the doctor's findings and did not investigate the side effects or the underlying causes of those side effects. Further, they did not investigate the reasons why some women died during the trials.<sup>2</sup>

Anyone claiming that the birth control pill is safe should explain this to a young woman named Jennifer Gray. In 2008, Miami meteorologist Jennifer Gray was 25 years old when a blood clot almost took her life. The doctors told her she would have died within hours if she had not been persistent in finding out what was wrong with her. She had pulmonary emboli in both lungs triggered by the birth control pill. The pill is not safe.<sup>3</sup>

### Is the pill really dangerous to MY health? I'm healthy!

Even healthy women who were in their teens and 20s have died from the pill and other birth control products. These products are not safe. They can lead to several different cardiovascular problems and cancer, as well as infertility, birth defects, pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy, shrinking of the womb, weight gain, and much more.<sup>4,5,6</sup>

### Why aren't we better informed about the fact that the pill can kill women?

That is a good question. We'd like to know too! The fact is that millions of dollars are invested in birth control. Planned Parenthood enters into sweetheart deals with birth control companies so that it can sell these dangerous products at its 749 facilities. Planned Parenthood is then able to make a profit from the sales. Instead of educating women on the healthy and natural way to "plan" their families, women only seem to be told to take the pill—which is described as being "safe." Side effects are downplayed, if they are even mentioned at all.

### What if I have to take the pill for medical reasons?

Since each woman and situation is different, you should talk this over with your doctor and find a safer alternative. If your doctor has no other alternative, then contact the Pope Paul VI Institute at 402-390-6600 or visit its website ([www.popepaulvi.com](http://www.popepaulvi.com)) to learn more. There are trained professionals there who can help you find the real source and treatment for your medical condition, and they may even be able to make a referral to a trained physician in your area.

### If women are dying and others are becoming very ill, are the victims or victims' families filing lawsuits?

Yes. In 2008, Johnson and Johnson was forced to recall the Ortho Evra birth control patch because of the number of women who suffered blood clots, heart attacks, strokes, or who died. Johnson and Johnson spent at least \$68.7 MILLION to settle hundreds of lawsuits.<sup>7</sup> In 2012, Bayer AG will pay at least \$100 million to settle some 500 lawsuits over injuries and death connect with the use of its Yasmin line of birth control.<sup>8</sup>

## THE PILL KILLS BABIES

### How does the pill work?

The birth control pill and similar birth control products work in a woman's body in one of three ways: They can prevent ovu-

lation and they can obstruct sperm from reaching the oocyte (prevent fertilization) by thickening the cervical mucus. However, if both of these methods fail and a new human being is created, the pill and other contraceptives can stop a tiny child's implantation in his/her mother's womb by thinning the lining of the uterus, resulting in the death of the child. This is called a chemical abortion.

### **How does the pill kill babies?**

This can happen because the pill and other birth control products can prevent implantation from occurring. When the pre-born baby implants in the womb, the baby establishes a connection with the mother so that he or she can receive the sustenance needed to grow. If the preborn baby cannot implant in the mother's womb, he or she will die.

### **Why aren't we better informed about the fact that the pill can kill babies?**

In 1965, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) stepped in and issued a medical bulletin that "officially" changed the definition of conception from the union of sperm and oocyte to implantation: "Conception is the implantation of a fertilized ovum."<sup>9</sup> It then defined pregnancy as beginning at conception (implantation). Once that happened, it was easy for pill manufacturers and other organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, to cover up how the pill works and only mention that it "prevents pregnancy" when, in fact, women have had human beings created in them while being on the pill. These newly created human beings die because they cannot implant. If you doubt this really happens, listen to the arguments of these same organizations as they argue against personhood initiatives.

### **How do you know when life begins?**

It is a proven, scientific fact that each human being's life begins at the point of creation. In sexual reproduction, this happens during the first stage of fertilization (stage 1a of the Carnegie stages).<sup>10</sup>

### **I'm for reducing the number of abortions, but isn't using the birth control pill the only way to do that?**

The birth control pill does not reduce the number of abortions. It is estimated that over 70 million chemical abortions have

taken place in the United States in the last 10 years alone. If you're single, abstinence is always your best choice. It isn't always easy, but it always works. By abstaining from sex, you eliminate the possibility of pregnancy and catching a sexually transmitted disease. What birth control has done for our society is turn little babies into disposable objects. Pregnancy is no longer seen as a blessing, but a curse.

Not only that, but think about this! What happens when you get pregnant while being on the pill? Will you see this new baby as a problem? If a child is conceived at the wrong time or is unplanned, will abortion be seen as your "only option"? After all, the pill is taken to avoid babies; so, when a surprise happens, will you want to solve the "problem" by killing the baby?

### **The Supreme Court has ruled that it's my right to privacy. Who do you think you are to say otherwise?**

On June 7, 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the *Griswold v. Connecticut* decision. The Supreme Court justices first presumed that previous court decisions dealing with a citizen's right to liberty and security that prohibited invasion of one's home and acquisition of evidence that might later be used to convict him of a crime also addressed privacy within marriage. In fact, the justices argued, "The concept of liberty is not so restricted . . . it embraces the right of marital privacy though that right is not mentioned explicitly in the Constitution" and is based on "specific guarantees in the Bill of Rights [which] have penumbras [shadows], formed by emanations from those guarantees that help give them life and substance."<sup>11</sup>

This confusing language, which has no relationship whatsoever to what the Founding Fathers intended, gave married women permission to use the birth control pill. The Supreme Court literally created the "right to privacy" out of thin air.

We now know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that not only did the Supreme Court literally make up the right that you claim gives you permission to use birth control, but the most popular form of birth control, the pill, can kill innocent preborn children. If there is a chance that human beings are going to be murdered, I am going to do everything in my power to help prevent that from happening. If you knew there was a chance that someone might poison your neighbor, don't you think you would try to notify your neighbor and do as much as you could to help save a life?

<sup>1</sup> "The Truth about Oral Contraceptives," CompassCare, August 9, 2011, [www.compasscare.info/blog/truth-about-oral-contraceptives](http://www.compasscare.info/blog/truth-about-oral-contraceptives).

<sup>2</sup> "People & Events: The Puerto Rico Pill Trials," PBS Online, accessed March 26, 2012, [www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/pill/peopleevents/e\\_puertorico.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/pill/peopleevents/e_puertorico.html).

<sup>3</sup> "Jennifer Gray's Story," National Blood Clot Alliance, October 5, 2008, [www.stoptheclot.org/News/article112.htm](http://www.stoptheclot.org/News/article112.htm).

<sup>4</sup> "QuiverFull Pill Fact Sheet," accessed March 26, 2012, [www.quiverfull.com/birth\\_control/fact\\_sheet\\_on\\_pill\\_side\\_effect.html](http://www.quiverfull.com/birth_control/fact_sheet_on_pill_side_effect.html).

<sup>5</sup> Bogomir M. Kuhar, PharmD, FASCP, *Infant Homicides through Contraceptives*, 5th ed. (Bardstown, KY: Eternal Life, 2003).

<sup>6</sup> John Wilks, *A Consumer's Guide to the Pill and Other Drugs*, 3rd ed. (Mandaluyong, Philippines: National Book Store, Inc., 2000).

<sup>7</sup> "J&J Paid \$68 Million to Settle Birth-Control Cases (Update3)," [www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=amZTOX84\\_8zU&refer=home](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=amZTOX84_8zU&refer=home).

<sup>8</sup> "Bayer Said To Pay \$110 Million In Yaz Birth-Control Cases," [www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-04-13/bayer-said-to-pay-110-million-in-yaz-birth-control-cases.html](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-04-13/bayer-said-to-pay-110-million-in-yaz-birth-control-cases.html).

<sup>9</sup> "Terminology Bulletin," American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, September 1965.

<sup>10</sup> "The Carnegie Stages," American Life League, August 5, 2011, [www.all.org/article/index/id/OTeYMQ](http://www.all.org/article/index/id/OTeYMQ).

<sup>11</sup> All quotes from this decision are taken from *Griswold v. Connecticut*, 381 U.S. 479 (1965), [www.supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/381/479/case.html](http://www.supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/381/479/case.html).



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