CPC Anti-Abortion Pamphlets Targeting Women

ABORTION DANGERS
Surgical abortions (normally performed on fetuses 5 weeks or older) can be very dangerous. Women having abortions risk many possible side effects that can lead to serious illness and even the mother’s death. Abortion is a serious operation that needs to be considered carefully. Complications, particularly in non-hospital clinics, can be serious and life-threatening.

Options:
- Abortion
- Adoption
- Parenting
Call someone who can help you choose what is best for you:
1-800-395-HELP

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES
Abortion sometimes feels like the only option, but it is not. You have alternatives. Choose adoption or parenting. There are people who want to help you, no matter which one you choose. Choose a different path today and avoid the risks of abortion. If you need help deciding what is best for you, call a counselor on the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-395-HELP. It is your choice, but there are safer options than abortion.

Curettage Abortions
Nearly 90 percent of abortions are classified as “curettage” abortions. Curettage abortions include vacuum aspiration abortions, sharp curettage abortions, and dilation and evacuation abortions. Each has serious risks and complications.

Risks from Curettage Abortions:
- Serious illness
- Hemorrhaging
- Infection
- Scarring
- Cervical incompetence
- Uterine perforation
- A “miss” of the baby
- Parts of the baby left in the womb
- Asherman’s Syndrome
- Bleeding (up to weeks later)
- Required repeat abortions
- Required hysterectomies
- Death of the mother
When you are **PREGNANT** it may feel like everyone is **PUSHING** you to choose what **THEY** want and that no one is thinking about **YOU**.

*How do you know what is the right thing to do?*

It can be confusing when you are pregnant and have to decide what you are going to do. You may be surrounded by others who have their own ideas of what you should do. There may be so many loud voices that it is hard to come to a conclusion about what you believe is right. Even though this is a difficult decision, it is still important to make the right choice, the one you believe is best.

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**FROM THE BEGINNING**

The first step in knowing what is right for you to do is to know that there is a little human growing inside you. That baby’s heart began to beat before you knew you were pregnant. She is developing quickly — including little toes and a tiny nose (the toes above belong to a baby just 11 weeks after conception). Everything about how she will look is built into her DNA, half from you, half from her father. You have a little life inside you, and now you have to decide what is the right thing to do.

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**WHAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU?**

OK, you know that the little baby is growing and now you have to decide what to do next. You may think that you are only making a decision about yourself, but really you have to decide what is best for both you and your baby. Your options are shown in the chart at the right. Which is best for both you and your unborn child? Remember, you are making a choice you will live with the rest of your life. The best choice is not always easy. If you need help with your decision, start by calling 1-800-395-HELP and they can connect you with a local counselor who knows how to help.

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<td>- The pregnancy is over.</td>
<td>- Your baby is able to go to a loving home.</td>
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<td>- You have selflessly given your baby life.</td>
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**Cons**

- You will have to live with this act for the rest of your life.
- Your baby is dead.
- You may have medical complications.
- You may have severe emotional distress.

*Choosing what is right now will save you pain and regret later.*