

DESTROYING OUR FUTURE

Abortion's Cost to our Economy

Our children are our future. Society is made up of people of all ages, living together and helping each other to achieve a higher standard of living. By destroying a large part of our next generation, we are destroying our own future. Consider these examples of how the 59 million abortions since 1973 and an aging population hurt our prosperity:

- **Abortion contributes to the unsustainability of entitlements**

According to trustees of Social Security and Medicare, "both programs will experience cost growth substantially in excess of GDP growth through the mid-2030s due to rapid population aging caused by the large baby-boom generation entering retirement and lower-birth-rate generations entering employment." The trust funds for Social Security and Medicare are predicted to run out in 2034 and 2026 respectively. In 2019, about 64 million people received Social Security¹ and 61 million received Medicare.² How many contributions would 59 million aborted Americans have made, since the vast majority of them would not qualify for either program and most would be in the workforce today?

- **Abortion increases health care costs**

Overall, health care costs continue to increase, and abortion will exacerbate the situation. Looking at the total an average person spends on health care over the course of their life, 79.6% of those costs come after age 40, and 48.6% come after age sixty-five. Health insurance operates by healthy people's premiums paying for sick people's treatments. Like Medicare, an aging population means more elderly people incurring health care costs and fewer younger and healthy people paying for health insurance. The aging of the population could increase health care costs 20% by 2030.³

- **Can't find a teaching job in Michigan?**

Teachers only have jobs if students exist to be taught. In Michigan, there are approximately 333,138 missing students from kindergarten to the class of 2019 who were aborted. In Michigan, there are about 15 students for every full-time equivalent (FTE) teacher in public schools, so that means there could be 22,346 more teaching positions today if their entire classrooms were not wiped out in the womb.⁴

- **Abortion destroys innovation**

The difference between how Americans lived in 1776 and how we live today has been in large part due to the amazing scientific discoveries in that short time. Life-changing innovations like electricity, antibiotics, automobiles and global telecommunications have come about because of the ingenuity of many individuals. When we kill an unborn child, we also kill their future dreams, creativity and knowledge. How much impact could 59 million additional minds have had on society?

We'll never really know what the world could have looked like with our missing generations. Would more young customers create greater demand for our auto or housing industries? Looking at the average per capita gross domestic product of Americans, 59 million abortions has cost our economy \$3.8 trillion, in just one year. It is clear that abortion not only robs a child of her future, it robs our society of future prosperity.

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." - President John F. Kennedy

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