



URGENT REQUEST
Abortion Statistics:
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Stats Canada:

Induced Abortions in Canada in hospitals and clinics

1970: 11, 200

2005: 97, 254 (last year of available stats)

These statistics are conservative because not all hospitals and clinics are required to report abortion numbers.

Abortion/Morgentaler Timeline:

1967-Morgentaler presents a brief to the House of Commons asking that Canada's abortion law be changed.

1970-Morgentaler imprisoned in Montreal for 10 months for performing illegal abortions.

1973-Morgentaler stated publicly that he had performed 5, 000 abortions without the permission of the 3 Dr. committees that were required by law, Morgentaler videotaped himself performing procedures

1983-Morgentaler charged again in Ontario-acquittal by the Supreme Court of Canada.

1988-Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada's abortion law as unconstitutional.

1989-Supreme Court ruled that a Father had no right to veto a woman's abortion decision.

1995-Provincial and Federal rulings force Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to allow private abortion clinics. Access to abortions not consistent across Canada-some provinces and territories decide to cover cost of abortions outside of hospitals, others didn't and women had to pay for clinical abortions out of their own pocket.

(Info from prochoice.org/canada)

2006-Bloc and NDP are strong pro-choice parties-Liberal and Conservative Parties have members that are pro-choice and members that are pro-life-neither party has an official stand on abortion.

2006-Liberal MP Paul Steckle introduced a bill that would make abortion illegal after 20 weeks gestation, that bill did not pass.

2007-abortion considered a low priority for most Canadians

2008-Morgentaler appointed to the Order of Canada-abortion considered a higher priority.

Canada Snapshot-Today:

*In 1988, 16% of pregnancies in Quebec ended in abortion, today, 30% do. Women are using abortion, tax funded and easily available as an alternative form of birth control.

*Abortion is being used as a means of gender selection and cultural groups that favour male children are choosing to abort their daughters. The argument for women's rights in this case just doesn't fit.

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