

**REAL  
MEN  
SAVE  
BABIES**



## SHOULD MEN SPEAK UP ABOUT ABORTION? OR IS IT ONLY FOR WOMEN TO DECIDE?

**S**OME MEN give women little choice but to abort their babies, yet those who try to protect women and the unborn from abortion are accused of waging “war on women.”

Abortion advocates welcome men to speak out as long as they support “reproductive freedom” and “a woman’s right to choose.” They overlook the ways abortion oppresses women. There *is* a war on women, but *not* the one described by abortion proponents.

- In some countries, abortion and infanticide are used to suppress the female population and the overall value of women in society. Estimates of “missing girls” due to infanticide and sex-selection abortion run as high as 160 million.
- Abortion itself endangers the well-being of women.

- Sometimes women are assaulted for refusing to abort. *Did you know murder is a leading cause of death among pregnant women in the US?*

Too often a woman’s abortion decision lacks any semblance of “freedom of choice” or an “exercise of rights.” In fact, a majority (64%) of women having abortions report feeling pressured, forced, rushed, or insufficiently informed prior to an abortion.

Women may be coerced by a husband, partner, parent, doctor, friend, family member, employer, or other authority figure. They feel coerced when they’re misinformed about abortion or not told of alternatives.

Coercion also takes the form of exploitation and blackmail, loss of a job or home, withdrawal of emotional or economic support . . . and too often escalates to violence.

Teenagers are especially vulnerable to coercion, and its effects can be more severe. They’re more likely to suffer psychologically after an abortion.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

1. It’s time to recommit ourselves – men included – to defending the weak and helpless. This is a biblical virtue that mirrors the character of God.<sup>1</sup>
2. It’s crucial to reach men with the message of life and sexual purity because women

aren’t the only ones who are tempted by abortion. Nor are women alone in suffering spiritually and emotionally after abortion.

3. What about those who’ve failed to protect a baby? Is there forgiveness and hope for them? In Jesus’ name, **YES!**<sup>2</sup>

**A**BATTLE HAS RAGED over 40 years, but not men *against* women. Men are welcome in the battle for life! They make a big difference by working, praying, and giving alongside women all over the world.

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