

## Understanding the Culture of Abortion and Post Abortion

The common pro-life view of a woman's abortion decision is that she simply didn't want the child. Abortion is an eraser of a mistake. While that is true in some cases, the reality is much more complicated. Most women struggle deeply with the decision. But they also live in a culture that embraces and encourages abortion as a legitimate choice. Here is how:

1. Medically it's an alternative choice.
2. The community says it's a responsible choice.
3. The political voices say it's an empowerment choice.
4. Friends say they will support her choice.
5. Often family or the father of the child says it is a necessary choice.

All these dovetail to make abortion a pressured choice. Rarely does a woman have a significant

person in her life say, "This is not a wise or good choice."

After the abortion, if grief or regret crops up in her conversation, those who influenced her to get the abortion will invariably refuse to recognize real negative consequences. Their "support" for her grief vanishes like a vapor and she is told, "You did the right thing, stop crying, forget it, move on."

The lack of emotional support results in the woman feeling isolated and rejected. She becomes insulated with her secret and often shuts down emotionally. Relationships become shallow; distrust grows in her heart. Fear of God's wrath and rejection often embeds deeply in her psyche. She may believe that God forgives her but fears He will never allow her to have children or her living children will be taken from her. Yet all these fears, she believes, must be kept secret. She dares not reveal the underlying reason for them. Many women feel they are "crazy". She's the only person she knows that has trouble after abortion.