

Abortion Is Not the Indian Way

Abortion Clinic Banned on Reservation

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In the spring of 2006 the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota voted 16-0 to prohibit abortion on their reservation. The controversy began when the president of the tribal council tried to establish an abortion clinic on the reservation without the council’s knowledge.

“Our Indian traditions place great value on all life especially human life. Children are taught from a very early age to show respect for all of God’s creations and have a deep respect for their elders. We love our children and consider them a sacred gift from God.” stated Clementine Hernandez, President of Indians for Life. “Our hope is that Indians for Life’s public witness on abortion will help all Americans to work tirelessly to establish a culture of life in our great nation.”



Clementine “Little Hawk” Hernandez

Post Abortion Syndrome



Abortion can have many negative effects on a woman’s life and health. There is growing evidence from research studies that an abortion can set off a complex reaction, including physical and psychological aftereffects, which can have a powerful, negative impact on a woman’s life. More than 100 physical and physiological complications have been associated with abortion including infection, abdominal pain, damages to internal organs, depression, increased drug and alcohol abuse, the inability to have more children, and increased rates of breast cancer.

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Fetal Development – The Real Facts of Life



8 Week Old Baby

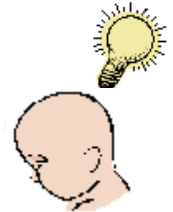
When does life begin? While birth is certainly a milestone families celebrate with joy, it is actually the culmination of an amazing process that began months earlier.

Conception: Life Begins! →



← 18 Days: Heart Begins Beating

6 Weeks: Brain Waves Begin →



← 10-11 Weeks: All Organ Systems in Place

14 Weeks: Small Details Forming →



← 16 Weeks: Mother Can Feel Baby Move

23 Weeks (or earlier): Viability →



Alternatives to Abortion

If you or someone you know is facing an unplanned pregnancy, you can find people who care and practical solutions at:

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| Option Line | 1-800-395-HELP |
| National Life Center | 1-800-848-LOVE |
| Nurturing Network | 1-800-TNN-4MOM |
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