

This is the Berean Class!

Acts 17:11

...they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

➤ Ethics: Abortion

What is abortion?

- Abortion is the deliberate termination of a pregnancy by surgical or chemical means.
- Miscarriage is the spontaneous loss of a conception*
- *Approximately half of all pregnancies end in miscarriage

Methods of Abortion

- Aspiration abortion
- Dilation & curettage (D & C)
- RU 486
- “Morning after pill”
- Dilation & evacuation (D & E)
- Salt solution
- Prostaglandin suppositories
- Dilation & extraction (D & X)
- Hysterotomy

Abortion Fallacies

- Abortion is a private decision.
- Needed for rape & incest.
- You can't legislate morality.
- Abortion is painless.
- Abortion is safer than childbirth.
- Abortion reduces child abuse.
- Abortion reduces illegitimacy.
- It has no psychological sequelae.
- It has no physical sequelae.

Abortion Statistics Worldwide

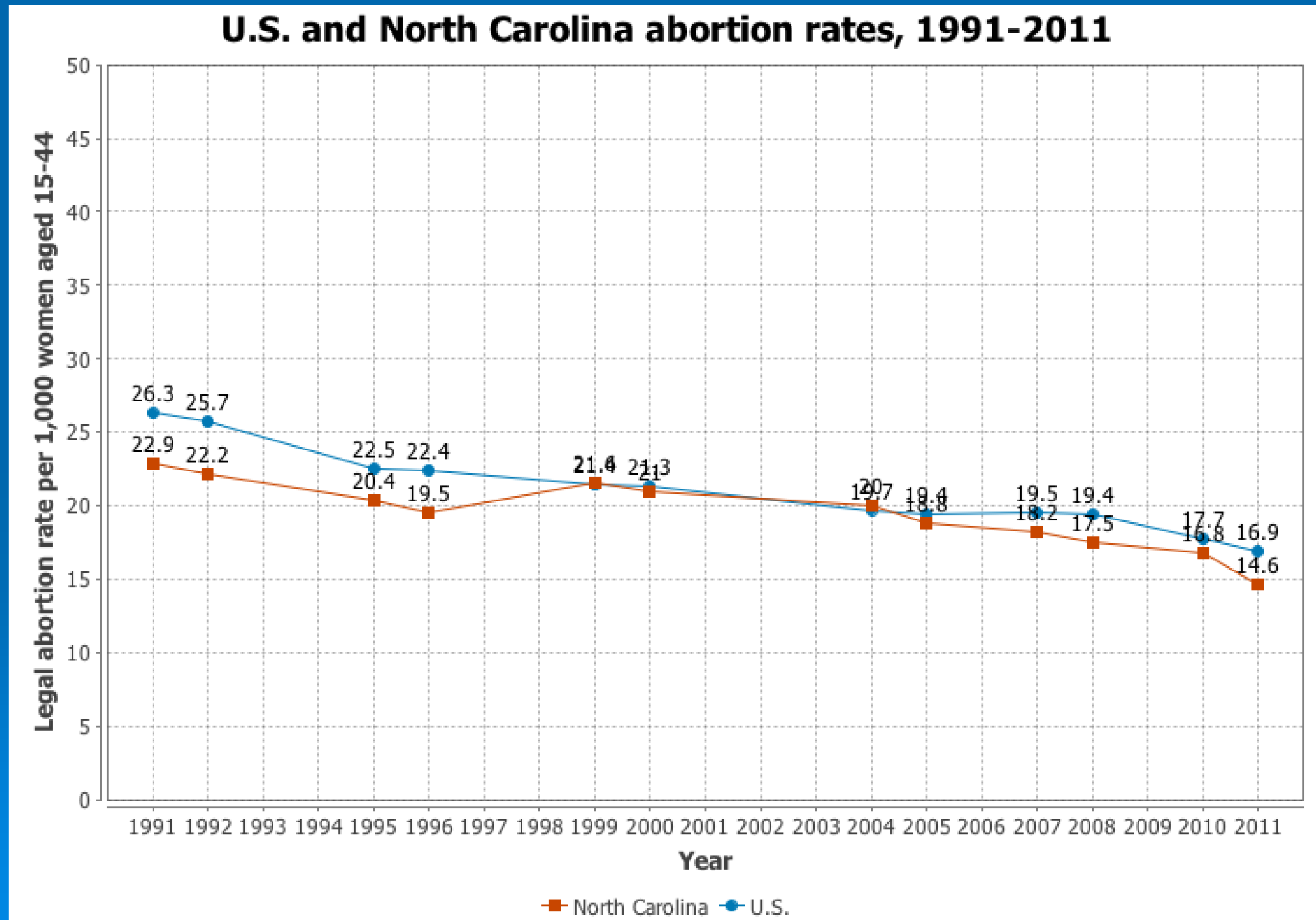
- 40-50 million abortions a year,
- 325,000 abortions a day.
- 28 abortions per 1000 childbearing women.
- In 2008 underdeveloped countries had a higher rate than developed.--38 to 6 m.
- Western & Northern Europe lowest.
- Eastern Europe, Africa ,China, India highest.

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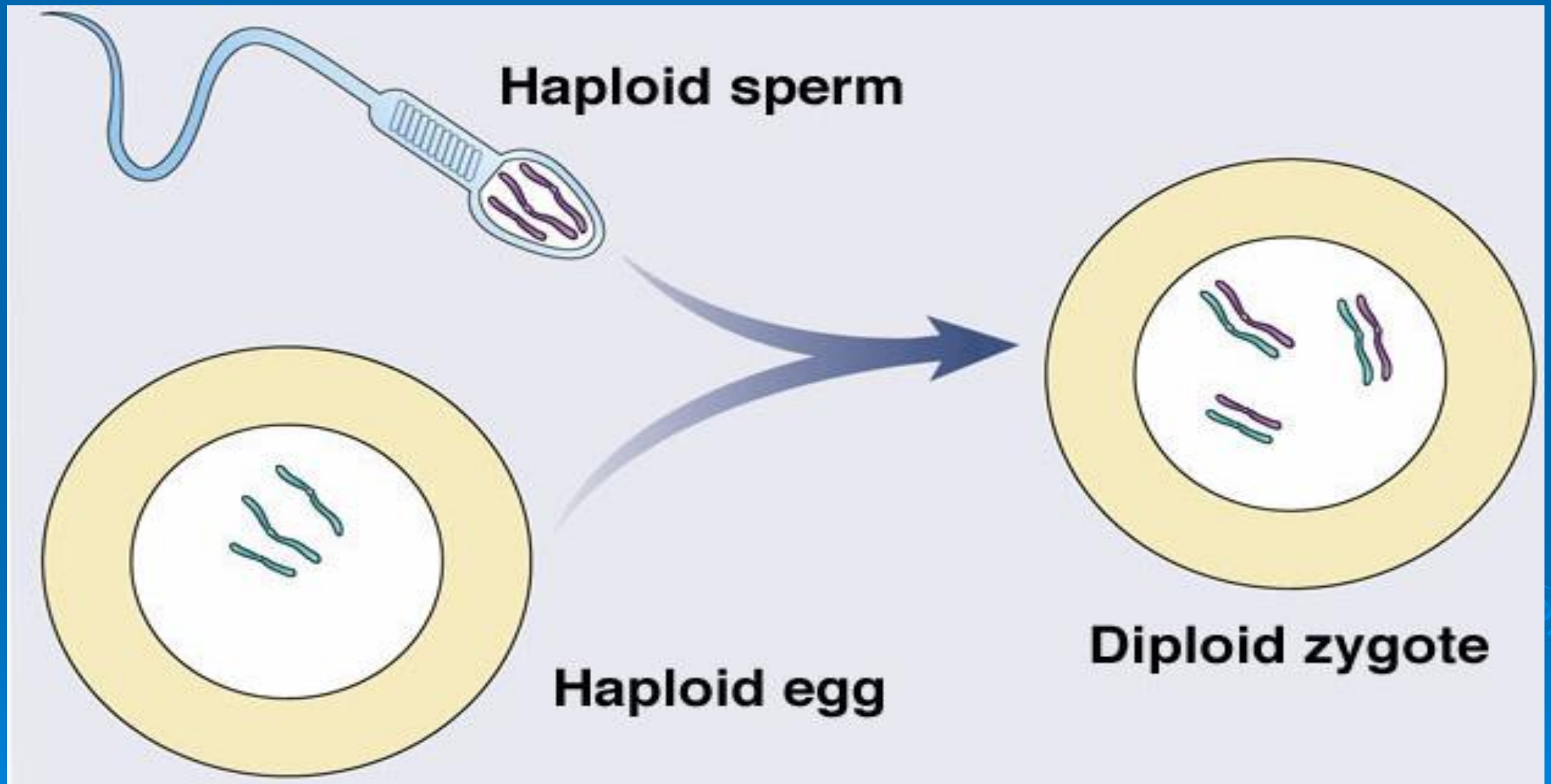
United States

- US is only 3% of worldwide abortions
- Almost half of pregnancies are unintended (3/6 million) 40% are aborted (1.3 million)
- 16.9 abortions/1000 child bearing women
- 40% of women will have an abortion by 45
- 90% of abortion are in 1st trimester
- ~55,000 abortions in NC in 2011.
- 14.6 abortions/1000 child bearing NC women.

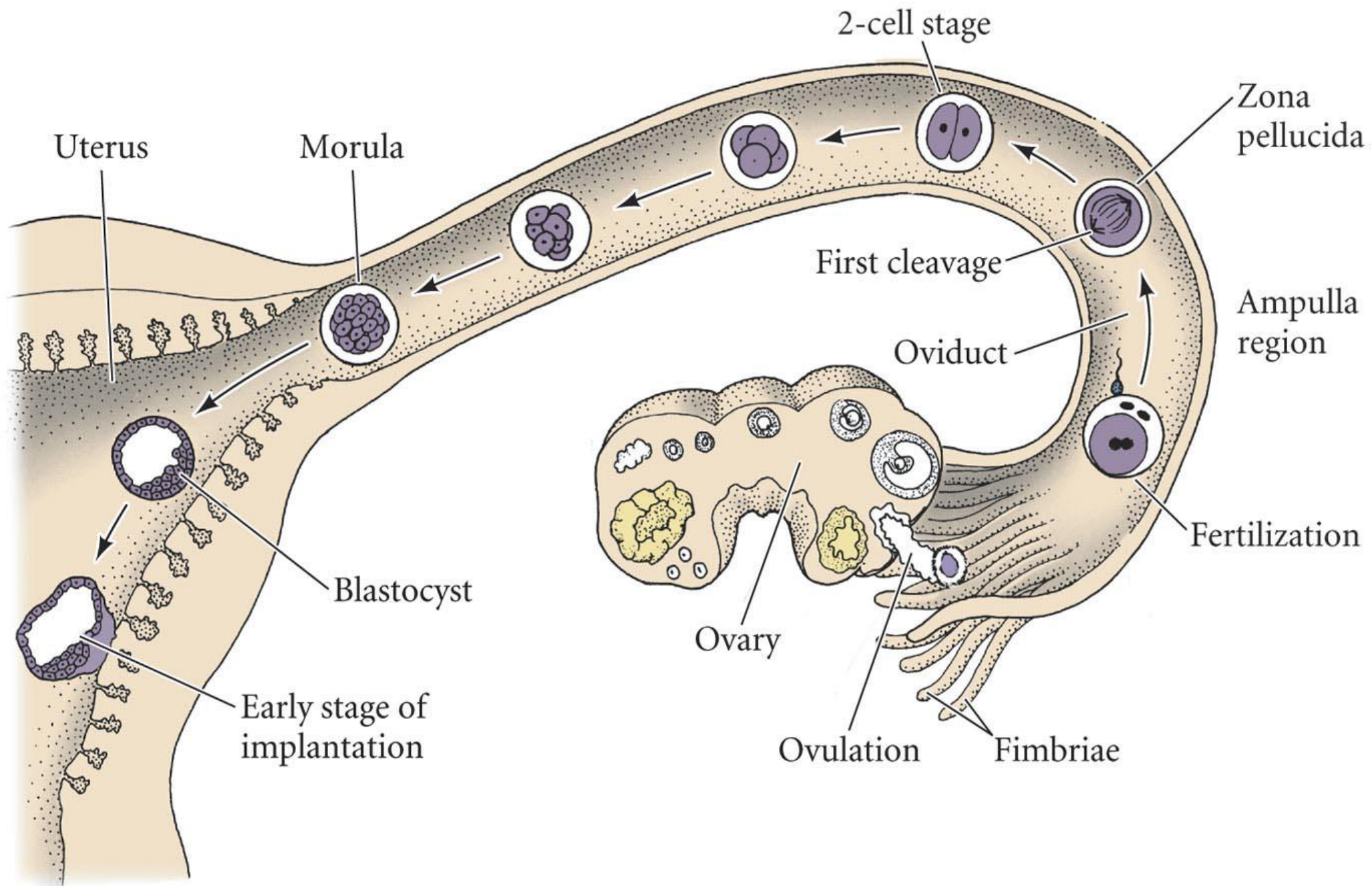
Abortion rates are declining but numbers are increasing



Fertilization



The first few days



Embryo-weeks 1-8

- Sperm + egg = Zygote
- Blastocyst implants by day 6-10
- Organs-weeks 2-3
- Heart beat by week 4
- Arms, legs, fingers, & toes by week 8
- Walnut size



Fetus-weeks 9-38



➤ Human face-week 10

➤ Feels pain-week 16

➤ Quickening-week 20

➤ Can survive with help if premature-week 24





10 weeks



13 weeks

Abortion: Political Perspectives

➤ Roe vs. Wade 1973

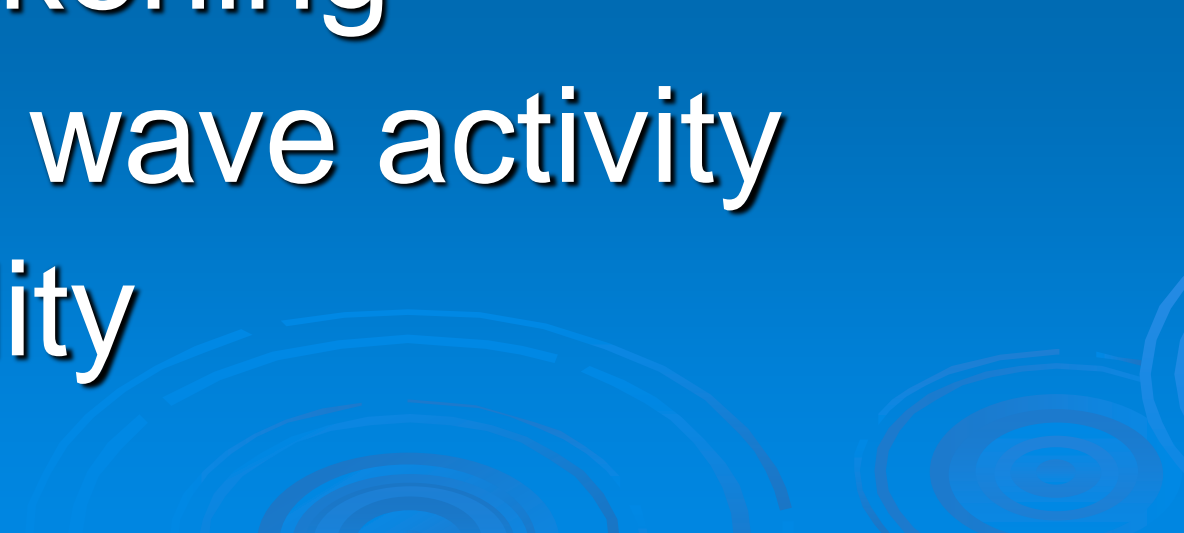
- Five to four decision.
- Sided on the privacy of the woman--
-never addressed personhood of the baby.
- Established the trimester system—
Fed vs. State rights.
- Driven by sexual revolution of 60's.
- Riddled with misinformation.

Abortion: Political Perspectives

Misinformation

- 1 million illegal abortions/year claimed (actually $< 100,000$).
- 5,000-10,000 deaths claimed. (actually 1,000 pre-penicillin, 20-50 by 1970)
- Claimed illegal abortions hidden by other reported causes. (stats never changed after Roe vs Wade)

When does Personhood begin?

- Conception
 - Cell division
 - Implantation
 - Neural tube development
 - Heart beat
 - “Quickening”
 - Brain wave activity
 - Viability
 - Birth
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Abortion: Political Perspectives

Feds vs. States

➤ Congress--

- Federal laws--
- A Constitutional amendment requires 2/3 vote in both houses and 3/4 states ratification.

➤ State legislatures--

- can pass laws to limit legalized abortion within the state.

Abortion: Biblical Perspectives

OLD TESTAMENT

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- Man is created in God's image. Gen. 1:26
- God is the Master Craftsman. Gen 2:6,
- Pregnancy is a co-creative process involving a man, a woman, and God. (Adam, Eve & Cain; Abraham, Sarah & Isaac, etc.)

Abortion: Biblical Perspectives

➤ **NEW TESTAMENT**

- Scripture condemns infanticide.
- Personal identity begins at conception.
- A person is a body-soul unit.
- Conception is a blessing and gift.
- Scripture teaches Life and Love.

Summary

- We must recognize we live in a pluralistic society and be willing to compromise on some issues.
- We must continue to work hard at being salt and light We must focus on the personhood of the embryo/fetus.
- This is not a partisan issue.

- A constitutional amendment is unlikely to pass.
- Progress can be made at the federal level in other pro-life issues.
- State laws can be passed to reduce but not eliminate abortions.
- The Supreme Court can reverse or modify its decision.

Q & A

