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Pro-Abortion Group Broke the Law 1,642 Times Shipping Illegal Abortion Drugs to Irish Women

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As many as 1,642 unborn babies may have been aborted illegally in Ireland using mail-order abortion drugs between 2010 and 2012, according to a new study.

Abortion is illegal in Ireland except when a woman's life is at stake. However, the country is facing global pressure from the United Nations (http://www.lifenews.com/2016/05/12/united-nations-pressures-ireland-to-legalize-abortion-and-stop-protecting-unborn-children/)and pro-abortion groups, backed by some of the world's richest men, to legalize abortion on demand by repealing its Eighth Amendment. The amendment protects unborn babies' right to life and prohibits abortions except when the mother's life is in jeopardy. Pro-lifers estimate that the constitutional amendment has saved approximately 100,000 unborn babies' lives from abortion in Ireland.

The Netherlands-based pro-abortion group Women on Web has been

defying pro-life countries' laws for years, selling dangerous abortion drugs online to women in these countries without providing any in-person medical help. The pro-abortion group specifically targets women in countries where abortions are illegal, including Ireland.

According to the new study, more than 5,600 Irish women accessed the pro-abortion group online between 2010 and 2015.

The Irish Times reports more:

(<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/over-5-600-irish-women-sought-abortion-pills-online-1.2831914>)

Pills were shipped by the Women on Web (WoW) site to 1,642 women in Ireland between 2010 and 2012, the research indicates.

The sale of prescription only medicines by mail order is prohibited in Ireland, including supply via the internet.

Follow-up data indicates a high level of satisfaction with the service, with 94 per cent of those who completed a consultation form saying they were "grateful" for the option of obtaining a medical abortion online, according to the study published in the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Contraception issues were the biggest reasons why Irish women said they sought out the abortion pills: 54 percent said their contraception failed, and 44 percent said they did not use contraception, according to the study.

For almost half of the women, finances were an issue. Almost 44 percent of the women said they did not have enough money to raise a child. A majority of the women (62 percent) also said they wanted an abortion because they "just cannot cope with a child at this point in my life."

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Almost two thirds of the women already had children, and 23 percent said they wanted an abortion because they believed their family was complete.

After the abortion, a majority of women said they made the right choice, while 17 percent said they felt "guilty," according to the study.

The authors concluded (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1471-0528.14401/full>) the "vast majority of women ... had a positive experience," and their findings demonstrated how abortion "benefits" the health and well-being of women. It was clear that the authors hoped their results would help persuade Irish legislators to legalize abortion.

It is important to note that one of the study authors is R. Gomperts, the founder and director of Women on Web.

Bernadette Smyth, with the pro-life group Precious Life, told the BBC (<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-37657042>) that Gomperts' group is hurting Irish women and children, not helping them.

"Abortion is a criminal offence in Ireland and if women are accessing these dangerous pills online and have an adverse reaction that could endanger their life, who will take responsibility?" Smyth said. "To ensure the safety of women and babies these illegal online sites must be closed down."

Abortion drugs are not safe for women or their unborn child, and it is especially concerning that Gomperts' group does not provide any in-person medical assistance. An FDA study from 2011 found that the abortion drug RU-486, or mifepristone, is responsible for the deaths of at least 14 women in the U.S. and dozens more worldwide

(<http://www.lifenews.com/2009/07/31/int-1282/>). In the April 2011 report (<http://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF11G29.pdf>), the FDA found that 2,207 women in the U.S. also were injured by the drug. A Planned Parenthood study also admitted at least one woman is seriously injured from the abortion drug daily (<http://www.lifenews.com/2012/12/21/planned-parenthood-study-one-woman-injured-from-abortion-drug-daily/>).



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