



Roe Reality Check #6

myth: The U.S. abortion rate is relatively low.

fact: It is among the highest of all developed countries in the world.

In 1973 the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* deemed "every [abortion] law - even the most liberal - as unconstitutional."¹

Today the U.S. has the highest abortion rate in the western world, and the third-highest of all developed nations worldwide.²

There are 1.31 million induced abortions annually in the U.S., or 3,500 every day.³

24.5% of all U.S. pregnancies end in abortion.⁴

¹ The Associated Press, "Ginsburg: Roe decision seemed 'not the way courts generally work'," March 11, 2005 (quoting Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg).

² The Alan Guttmacher Institute, "Abortion in Context: United States and Worldwide," *Issues in Brief*, 1999 Series No. 1 (1999), pp. 3-5.

³ The Alan Guttmacher Institute, "Abortion Incidence and Services In the United States in 2000," *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (Jan/Feb 2003), p. 8.

⁴ *Id.*

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