

Advocacy for safe abortion POLAND

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Anti-Abortion in Poland

1993 – Law on Family Planning, Human Embryo Protections and Conditions of Admissibility of Abortion

- Abortion legal on following grounds:
 - Medical
 - Criminal and
 - Genetic

Reality of the Law

- Almost full ban of Abortion
 - Ca 150 legal abortions per year (over 10 mln. of women in reproductive age)
 - Abortion underground (estimated 80.000-200.000 illegal abortions) provided by gynecologists:
 - relatively safe
 - very expensive (ca 500 USD)

Reality of the Law con't.

- Medical abortion is being offered via
 - adds in newspapers (code language – „pharmacologically – cheap”)
 - internet (mostly metatrexate and misoprostol)

Recent police investigation on selling pills via internet

Who decides?

Voted against refunded contraception, August 2004

Advocacy for Access

- Change the law
- Improve access to legal abortion
- Awareness-raising about effects of the Law
- Educate about medical progress (MA)
 - medical community
 - society , esp. women

Exhibition: My life my decision

- Exhibition con't.

Women's Stories

Kobiety w Akcji

Factsheet on Medical Abortion

Safe abortion: Technical and Policy Guidance for Health Systems

[http://www.who.int/reproductive-
health/publications/safe_abortion/Safe_Abortion.pdf](http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/safe_abortion/Safe_Abortion.pdf)

Department of Reproductive Health and Research

World Health Organization

2003

The draft law on responsible parenthood

- Art.9.3
- The termination of the pregnancy takes place at the earliest time possible, in accordance with the current state of medical knowledge, including the use of pharmacological methods.

Main results

- Knowledge about the method increased
- Expectations raised
- Long way to go before women will gain access to services