

How to Make Abortion Bans Enforceable

A letter from an anti-coercion activist to anti-abortion activists (January 30, 2026)

The enforceability of an abortion ban depends on the effectiveness of anti-coercion policy

Unless there is an effective anti-coercion policy in place, an abortion ban would not be enforceable, because every female who is caught getting an abortion would be able to use coercion as a defense.

The most effective anti-coercion policy is to give every pregnant female an option that she could exercise up front to eliminate the possibility of coerced abortion taking place. If she wants to continue the pregnancy, then she will exercise the option; and if she wants to get an abortion, then she will not exercise it. The bill is not designed to stop elective abortion, just coercive abortion.

But if the most effective anti-coercion policy is in place, then an abortion ban would be enforceable, because the only female who would be getting an abortion would be the one who did not exercise the anti-coercion option, and the fact that she did not exercise it would prove that she wanted to get the abortion all along and was therefore not coerced.

Hence, banning abortion without an effective anti-coercion policy in place is like pouring water into a bucket that is not leakproof; and implementing an effective anti-coercion policy is like making the bucket leakproof, so that it will hold water ("it" being the abortion ban).

The difficulty of raising awareness for the cause of stopping coerced abortion

When the Roe vs. Wade decision made abortion legal, it only made elective abortion legal. Coercive abortion was kept illegal, and it remains illegal to this day. Therefore, an abortion ban would only ban elective abortion.

Before activists can raise *support* for their cause, they need to raise *awareness* for it.

It is very easy for anti-abortion activists to raise awareness for their cause, because most people are already aware that a lot of women get elective abortions. They just need to be made aware of what the victims of elective abortion look like (ie. be shown abortion victim photography). But it is very difficult for anti-abortion activists to raise enough support for their cause, because less than half of the population supports banning elective abortion.

It's the opposite with anti-coercion activism. It is very difficult for us to raise awareness for our cause, because very few people are aware that coerced abortion happens often. When we give them the evidence showing that it happens often, they don't listen, because they're already convinced that it happens *rarely*. (See Figure 1.)

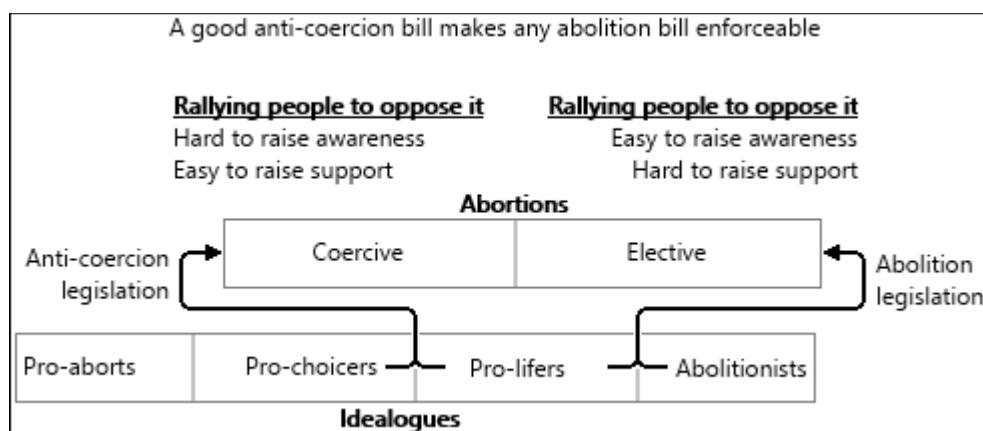


Figure 1 - Anti-coercion activists also work to stop abortion, but from the coercive side.

It will be easy to raise support for our cause (ie. through signatures on our petition), because most people will support an effective anti-coercion bill once they know that coerced abortion happens *often*. But we cannot raise support for our cause until we raise awareness, and we haven't been able to do that, since all but a few people are already convinced that coerced abortion happens *rarely*.

How anti-abortion activists can help anti-coercion activists

Anti-abortion activists raise awareness for the fact that elective abortion kills a woman's offspring. They do that through abortion victim photography. Some have even used that photography at "church repent" outreaches held outside places of worship for "pro-life" churches that are being apathetic about banning elective abortion.

Since victims of coercive abortion look the same as the victims of elective abortion, it is appropriate for us to organize "church repent" outreaches for any church ("pro-life" or "pro-choice") that is being apathetic about: A. Learning that the secret crime of coercive abortion happens often, and B. That there is something simple that everybody can do to stop the crime. (That simple thing is to sign our petition.)

However, the anti-coercion movement is puny. Yours truly is the only anti-coercion activist in the entire city of Des Moines. I ran for the state legislature on the anti-coercion platform; and even though I got 95 votes in the primary, I got ZERO signatures on our anti-coercion petition. A church repent outreach would be ineffective if only one person participates in it.

Since there is strength in numbers, I need local anti-abortion activists (aka abolitionists) to be on standby to join me at a church repent outreach whenever it is needed to exhort a church unto doing a good work for those who are in danger of being killed by coerced abortion or pregnancy-associated femicide. (By the way, pregnancy-associated femicide is the leading cause of death for unwed pregnant females; and because both crimes have the same motive, stopping one crime, by taking away its motive, would stop the other crime too.)

When I give a church's leadership the message, inviting them to participate in stopping coercive abortion through the simple act of signing our petition, I need to put an RSVP date on the invitation, and tell them that every week, local anti-abortion activists, who are known to organize "church repent" outreaches, are interested in knowing whether there are any local churches that have either failed to respond to the invitation or have declined it without a good reason.

The prospect of an unwanted "church repent" outreach being held outside their place of worship should strongly encourage leadership to either accept the invitation or ask for an extension on the RSVP date. Declining it will not be a good option for leadership, because there is not a good reason to decline it. It's possible that anti-abortion activists, who are on standby to come to a "church repent" outreach, will never even have to come to one. Imagine helping someone by not doing anything.

After two years of failing to raise awareness for our cause, we should finally start raising awareness, which will quickly lead to raising support, which will lead to the enactment of the most effective anti-coercion policy, which will lead to abortion bans becoming enforceable. In the next section, I will explain why the anti-coercion policy, which is promoted by anti-coercion activists, is in fact the single most effective anti-coercion policy.

The option given to every pregnant female under the most effective anti-coercion policy

The most effective anti-coercion bill would give every pregnant female an option that she could safely exercise to certify the debt of sustenance, which is owed to her offspring, so that if anybody was to kill the creditor in her womb, the debt would not be forgiven, but would instead be converted into reimbursement for wrongful death, payable to the parents or guardians of children in need, whom she could either identify on the certificate or let the state identify.

By exercising the option, she would be disincentivizing coerced abortion, so that nobody would have an incentive to make her get an abortion. Her boyfriend and her parents, who may have had that incentive, would instead have a decision to make: Either let her continue the pregnancy and help support their own child/grandchild or make her get an abortion and help support somebody else's child/grandchild. Nobody would want to try to make her get an abortion.

Today, she could exercise the option safely. In times past, it would not have been safe for a pregnant female to exercise the option, because she had no way to submit proof of paternity before she began to show. But today, she can submit such proof, thanks to advancements in DNA paternity testing, which enable the DNA of her offspring to be extracted from a blood sample (submitted by her) and matched to the DNA of the male who she claims is the father of her offspring.

So now, by the time a female's boyfriend finds out that she is pregnant with his offspring and that their debt of sustenance, which is owed to their offspring, has been certified, there is absolutely nothing he can do to get the debt forgiven. Even if he were to kill his girlfriend and their offspring and hide the bodies, the debt still wouldn't be forgiven. She and her offspring would be safe, because nobody would have the motive to harm them.

The love of money is the root of all evil, and in the case of coerced abortion, it was love of the money which could have been saved by killing the little creditor to whom a debt of sustenance is owed. To learn more about the most effective anti-coercion bill, please visit our website, EternalGospelSociety.com. By the way, the idea for the bill is not mine but that of him who gave it to me. He opened every door of opportunity. I just had to walk through each one. So, please give all the credit to him. Thank you.