Pro-life and pro-family leaders applaud our research, our education and outreach initiatives, and our strategy for ending abortion with compassion. This pro-life/pro-woman strategy is built upon the pivotal truth that the welfare of a mother and her unborn child are inseparable.

“Abortion advocates have built their case for abortion on an elaborate system of misinformation . . . [Making Abortion Rare] is important reading for those who want to end the plague of abortion.”

Dr. Wanda Franz, President
National Right to Life Committee

“[The Post-Abortion Review] is an objective publication dealing with a subject that the major media insists doesn’t exist.”

Judie Brown, President
American Life League

“Dr. Reardon’s analysis and suggested pro-life strategy are right on the mark.”

Dr. Jack Wilke, President
Life Issues Institute

“Under the old rules, the rights of women and the unborn were in opposition . . . But Reardon has changed the rules.”

Mark Crutcher, President
Life Dynamics

“Reardon argues persuasively that we must use cultural momentum, not fight it, to build a solution on awareness of the damage abortion does to women.”

Frederica Mathews-Green
Author, Real Choices

“This research will be critical to the resolution of public policy on abortion.”

Paige Cunningham, President,
Americans United for Life

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David C. Reardon, Ph.D., is a biomedical ethicist and an internationally known author, speaker, and researcher on post-abortion issues.

Dr. Reardon began researching abortion’s impact on women in 1983. He was propelled to center stage of the pro-life movement after the publication of his first book, Aborted Women, Silent No More, in 1987. This book earned acclaim from numerous reviewers, including the Conservative Book Club, which said it “may be the most powerful book ever published on abortion.”

He is now recognized as one of the leading experts in the field of post-abortion research, and for the development of outreach efforts to promote post-abortion healing. Articles about his work have appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers, including Newsweek, and he is also a frequent speaker and radio guest on post-abortion issues. His subsequent books include:

- **Making Abortion Rare** – outlines a practical and comprehensive strategy for ending abortion.
- **The Jericho Plan** – a guide to fostering post-abortion healing within the church.
- **Victims and Victors** – in which women who have experienced sexual assault pregnancies reveal the truth about the “hard cases” and abortion.
- **Forbidden Grief** – explores the pain of abortion and the obstacles to healing.
- **Reversing the Gender Gap** – a guide to help pro-life political candidates win elections by addressing the concerns of 30 million post-abortion women.

Dr. Reardon has also served as the chief investigator on a number of original research projects. He and his wife, Kim, live in Springfield, Illinois, with their six children.
Founded in 1988, The Elliot Institute is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to research, education and outreach regarding the effects of abortion on women, men, families and society. Our mission includes:

**Researching the Impact of Abortion**

Studies verify that abortion is much more devastating to women than previously known. David C. Reardon, Ph.D., who founded and directs the Elliot Institute, has been on the forefront of post-abortion research since 1982.

**Speak Out**

Raising Awareness of Abortion Risks

We warn people about the risks of abortion, the epidemic of serious post-abortion complications, and the need to extend hope and healing to the millions of despairing women and men hurt by abortion.

**Promoting a Healing Strategy to End Abortion Sooner**

Our three-pronged strategy, outlined in Dr. Reardon’s book *Making Abortion Rare*, involves educational, pastoral, and political reform. It shows how to free wounded post-abortion women and men to speak out against abortion, how to hold abortionists fully liable for the injuries they cause, and how to erode public tolerance for abortion by exposing the truth about the harm abortion inflicts on women.

**Reframing the Debate**

Our compassionate pro-woman/pro-life stand emphasizes our commitment to caring for both women and their unborn children. It also exposes the anti-woman agenda of pro-choice advocates who promote abortion by hiding its risks and conspire with those who are coercing women into unwanted abortions.

**Serving as a Resource for Pro-Life Groups and Others**

We provide current research, information, and consultation for pro-life groups, healing ministries, and others seeking information on post-abortion issues. While we are not a counseling organization, we support and promote the work of post-abortion ministries.

The Elliot Institute’s projects involve research, education, and outreach to those struggling with a past abortion. New and ongoing projects include:

- **Hope and Healing Newspaper Insert**
  
  More than 2 million copies of our 12-page publication on post-abortion issues and healing have been distributed through college, community, and city papers, including the *Washington Post*. This insert shows the heartbreaking truth about abortion and encourages a compassionate response.

- **Operation Jericho Education and Outreach Program**
  
  Our expanded post-abortion education and outreach program is designed to bring down the walls that prevent women and men from seeking healing. We are networking with other pro-life groups to bring Operation Jericho to every city in the country.

- **Poor-Choice Campaign**
  
  We are raising awareness of abortion risks and exposing the deceptive rhetoric of “choice,” through our Poor-Choice Campaign. Visit [www.poorchoice.org](http://www.poorchoice.org) to view resources and materials which show that “pro-choice” advocates are really poor-choice advocates.

- **Book Publishing and Distribution**
  
  We have distributed hundreds of thousands of books, audio tapes, brochures, and other material on post-abortion issues and healing. Our publishing imprint is Acm Books.

- **Internet Information and Outreach**
  
  Our website [www.afterabortion.org](http://www.afterabortion.org) includes information on research findings, abortion risks, personal testimonies, healing resources, and more.

- **The Abortion Case Study Project**
  
  This survey of women who have had abortions includes thousands of testimonies that help foster a greater understanding of this complex issue.

The Elliot Institute’s groundbreaking research on abortion’s impact on women has been published in many of the most prestigious medical journals. Our research shows that compared to women who give birth, women who have abortions are at risk for:

- **Substance Abuse**
  
  Five times more likely to subsequently abuse drugs or alcohol. *American Journal of Drug & Alcohol Abuse*, 2000

- **Clinical Depression**
  
  Significantly higher risk of clinical depression. *British Medical Journal*, 2002

- **Death**
  
  Elevated risk of death from all causes, including suicide. *Southern Medical Journal*, 2002

- **Psychiatric Illness**
  
  66% more likely to be hospitalized for psychiatric care. *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 2003

- **Substance Abuse DuringLater Pregnancies**
  
  11 times more likely to use marijuana, 5 times more likely to use illicit drugs, and 2 times more likely to use alcohol during subsequent pregnancies. *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 2002

- **Behavioral Problems in Subsequent Born Children**
  
  Negative effects of a prior abortion may impair mothering skills. The children of post-abortive women are significantly more likely to have behavioral problems and less supportive home environments. *Journal of Child Psychology & Psychiatry*, 2002