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## 50 Years of the Pill

### Shocking Statistics

- **Prior to 'The Pill' (hormonal contraceptive), there were known to be 5 sexually transmitted diseases. Today there are more than 30.** Nearly 20 million individual cases of sexually transmitted disease are reported in the U.S. every year, of which half infect 15 – 24 year olds. Over 50 million U.S. men and women are reported to have incurable genital herpes.<sup>1</sup>
- Women who use a hormonal contraceptive for a minimum of four years prior to their first full term pregnancy have a 52% higher risk of developing breast cancer.<sup>2</sup>
- Women who use a hormonal contraceptive for more than five years are four times more likely to develop cervical cancer.<sup>3</sup>
- The 'abortifacient action' in hormonal contraceptives is documented by pharmaceutical manufacturers themselves in package inserts. **Since Roe v Wade in 1973 there have been over 50 million surgical abortions. It is now estimated that more than 250 million chemical abortions have occurred as result of women taking hormonal contraceptives.**<sup>4</sup>
- Today, for every U.S. child born, there are an estimated two children killed in the womb from surgical abortion and abortifacient contraceptives.<sup>5</sup>
- **98% of all women in the U.S. who have had sexual intercourse have used at least one contraceptive method.**
- Since the advent of 'The Pill' in 1960, the average number of children in the American Catholic family has fallen from 5.5 to 2.1.<sup>7</sup>
- By age 45, at least one partner in every two U.S. marriages has been sterilized.<sup>8</sup>
- Only one in three U.S. couples now reaches their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; only one in five reaches their 35<sup>th</sup>.<sup>9</sup>
- **The divorce rate for U.S. couples who use natural family planning to space children is less than 1%.**<sup>10</sup>



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