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I was leading an abortion recovery retreat when I received the news that *Roe v. Wade* had been reversed. The fourteen other women I was with, who had been hurt by abortion as I was, were celebrating with applause, shouts and tears of joy. I have been serving on abortion recovery retreats since 2006 and answer the phone for three different national helplines and have heard thousands of stories from women devastated by abortion. The reversal of *Roe* is a huge step but now we have other challenges, especially the increase in chemical abortions which are injuring and traumatizing women physically and psychologically. I urge women like me who have been hurt by abortion to attend an abortion recovery program.

Here two examples:

C. - Three months ago, I took the abortion pills and had a chemical abortion and have been traumatized ever since. I was not told about the process or the risks involved and had no idea that I would be expelling my baby in the toilet. I was horrified by this and can't get the image of my baby out of my mind. I also experienced severe cramping and was afraid I had damaged my chances to have a baby in the future. I can't walk into the bathroom without revisiting that terrible day. No one told me about the physical, emotional and psychological effects of this procedure. I was not under a doctor's supervision.

Caroline.- I live in Texas where abortion is illegal and I was forced by my boyfriend and parents to go to New Mexico and get the abortion pill for \$900.00. It was the most horrific experience of my life. Especially seeing that tiny baby in the toilet. Afterwards, I experienced excessive bleeding and was advised not to go to a doctor in Texas because I might be charged with going out of state to have an abortion. I called the help line and they said definitely to go seek medical help and I wouldn't face any charges. I was not given any written material or verbal instruction about this process or possible symptoms after taking the abortion pills.

These are just two examples of young women who will never be the same after going thru this barbaric procedure. The abortion pill has taken us backwards to unsupervised abortions, which not only kill babies, but put the mothers at risk. The media needs to reveal the truth about harmful consequences of the "abortion pill" or many more women will be irreparably harmed.

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