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# Abortionist portrays himself as a savior-figure in Texas Public Radio interview

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Texas Public Radio recently published an [interview](#) with Alan Braid, an abortionist who once operated out of San Antonio, but moved to New Mexico after *Roe* was overturned last year. He claims “things were bad” prior to *Roe*, and claims to remember treating women who eventually died from botched abortions.

“I remember distinctly a 16-year-old girl. She had [sic] someone had hacked her vagina with old rags and put a catheter in her uterus for her to abort, and she died of sepsis and organ failure,” Braid [told](#) Texas Public Radio.

Braid also [said](#) that “the memories of treating other failed attempts at illegal abortions in 1972 still haunt him, and he doesn’t want to go back to that.” He paints himself as a savior-figure, claiming he has a “duty of care” to commit abortions because women have “a fundamental right to receive this care.”

Setting aside the fact that *nobody* has a right to kill an innocent human being, and the fact that the Supreme Court has affirmed that such a right does not exist in this country, what credence should we give to Braid’s statements?

Although some women did die from botched abortions prior to *Roe*, the numbers often cited by abortion advocates are vastly [inflated](#). Bernard Nathanson, founder of NARAL, openly [admitted](#) that the statistic of 5,000-10,000 deaths per year due to illegal abortions was completely fabricated in an attempt to persuade Americans to legalize abortion.

In addition, the [majority](#) of illegal abortions committed prior to *Roe* were committed by doctors, as former Planned Parenthood medical director Mary S. Calderone [admitted](#). There was no massive proliferation of “coat-hanger” abortions.

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Thirdly, a significant number of women have been seriously injured and have even **died** from *legal* abortions. In **1973**, the year Roe was decided, and for many years thereafter, more women died from legal abortions than from illegal ones.

TABLE 17. Number and case-fatality rates \* of abortion-related deaths reported to CDC, by type of abortion -- United States, 1972-1990

Year	Type of abortion				Total no. of deaths	Case-fatality rate
	Induced		Spontaneous	Unknown		
	Legal	Illegal				
1972	24	39	25	2	90	4.1
1973	25	19	10	3	57	4.1
1974	26	6	21	1	54	3.4
1975	29	4	14	1	48	3.4
1976	11	2	13	1	27	1.1
1977	17	4	16	0	37	1.6
1978	9	7	9	0	25	0.8
1979	22	0	10	0	32	1.8
1980	9	1	7	2	19	0.7
1981	8	1	3	0	12	0.6
1982	11	1	6	0	18	0.8
1983	11	1	7	0	19	0.9
1984	12	0	6	0	18	0.9
1985	11	1	8	1	21	0.8
1986	11	0	5	2	18	0.8
1987	7	2	8	0	17	0.5
1988	16	0	8	0	24	1.2
1989	12	1	4	0	17	0.9
1990	5	0	5	0	10	0.3
Total	276	89	185	13	563	1.3

\* Legal induced abortion-related deaths per 100,000 legal induced abortions.

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But most importantly, we must remember that abortionists are *far* from being compassionate savior-figures. In fact, all abortionists, whether they are operating inside or outside of the law, intentionally kill human beings. They are not in the business of saving lives, and they do not provide legitimate health care.

Their “procedures” are not considered successful unless someone very much alive at the outset – an innocent human being incapable of defending himself or herself – is dead at the end.

Maternal abortion-related injuries and deaths are tragic, but abortion’s legal status does nothing to change its moral status. It is always wrong, and should never be sanctioned by law.

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