

You assume because somebody quits an oral contraceptive that she does not go to something else. And to assume everybody who quits is never going to use anything else and therefore becomes pregnant, is a pretty careless piece of reporting, it seems to me. I am puzzled about a New York Times piece that was printed in the paper stating statistics on pregnancies, which they would have had to gather within 20 days after the hearing started.

Mrs. PIORROW. There have been subsequent articles which I would be glad to gather for the record, if you wish, Senator. The subsequent ones may be based on additional data.

You mention the computer. Actually, the estimate of 100,000 births is rather conservative. The figure suggested is that 1.7 million women may have discontinued oral contraceptives, which on the face of it might look like about 1.7 million births. It is by calculating this downward and by considering the relative effectiveness of various other means of contraceptives that one arrives at a figure that is no larger than 100,000 when you are dealing with 1.7 million women.

I could, if you wish, go into a little more detail as to how that figure is arrived at. It is, of course, an estimate. Only time will tell the exact number.

Senator NELSON. Well, what baffles me a bit is that the Newsweek article starts out saying their survey showed 18 percent quitting the pill, and that 6 percent of those said they were quitting the pill because of the hearings. Dr. Guttmacher testifies that 18 percent quit because of the hearings, using the same survey of Newsweek.

So, Dr. Guttmacher, whose profession is this field, was misleading the country by three times the percentage that Newsweek had. The people who believe in planned parenthood are being scared to death by statistics which are imagined.

I would like to point out that 6 percent of the women are quitting the pill. We do not know how many transferred to a diaphragm or IUD, but certainly if they were motivated to take the pill, they would go to something else, at least a high percentage would.

I would like to have you address yourself to these statistics, if 100,000 people—which I extrapolate from the 6-percent figure—100,000 are going to have an unwanted baby, which I think is nonsense, but let us assume it is correct—let me quote to you from Dr. Hugh Davis, and then you tell me how many people are getting pregnant by quitting on their own. And that had nothing to do with the hearings.

Dr. Hugh Davis quoted from a Chicago study that: "Frank found that 40 percent of those patients started on oral contraceptives abandoned the method within 2 months."

And then, in Maryland's Planned Parenthood Clinic, "Half the pill patients abandoned the method in less than a year."

So if you have half of the people in America starting the pill, quitting in a year, how many of them got pregnant because of the hearings? All of this occurred before the hearings. Could we not have for the record the extrapolation of the planned parenthood and population crisis people of the disaster that is occurring because women voluntarily quit the pill? I think it would help put the hearings in balance, which we have been trying to do here for so long.