

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Audrey Murphy, and I'm a resident of Auburn, Maine. I'm here to testify in strong opposition to LD 1619.

You are going to hear people testify babies are a clump of cells and the woman should be able to kill a baby at any time. A viable baby is not a clump of cells. I was born six weeks early. If a full-term baby is considered a clump of cells, how am I here? Everyone talks about protecting the rights of women, but not the rights of a viable baby.

Many women are distraught and are told to just get an abortion without thinking of the consequences. Many women who have had an abortion regret it for years to come. The procedure performed for a full-term abortion is never discussed. Let me describe to you what happens during a full-term abortion. From the National Right to Life website:

Abortionists sometimes refer to abortions using obscure, clinical-sounding euphemisms such as "Dilation and Extraction" (D&X), or "intact D&E" (IDE) which mask the realities of how the abortions are actually performed. This procedure is used to abort women who are 20 to 32 weeks pregnant, or later. Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist reaches into the uterus, grabs the unborn baby's leg with forceps, and pulls the baby into the birth canal, except for the head, which is deliberately kept just inside the womb. (At this point in a partial-birth abortion, the baby is alive.) Then the abortionist jams scissors into the back of the baby's skull and spreads the tips of the scissors apart to enlarge the wound. After removing the scissors, a suction catheter is inserted into the skull and the baby's brains are sucked out. The collapsed head is then removed from the uterus.

This is from Restoring Liberty. Another form of late-term abortion is an induced abortion performed at 25 weeks to full term. This procedure takes 2-3 days to complete. Dr. Anthony Levantino is a practicing gynecologist and describes this procedure.

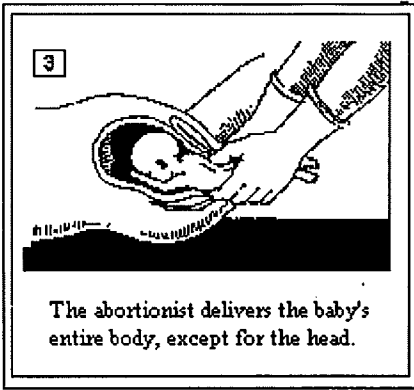
First a very large needle is injected through the abdomen or vagina with a drug called Digoxin, causing the baby to go into fetal cardiac arrest and die. The baby will feel pain. Next the doctor inserts multiple sticks of seaweed called laminaria into the woman's cervix that will slowly open the cervix for delivery of a stillborn baby. She carries this baby inside her for 2-3 days, waiting for her cervix to dilate and the baby to die. On day two, the laminaria is removed and a second ultrasound may be performed. If the baby is still alive, a second dose of Digoxin is injected. The mother then goes home while her cervix continues to dilate. If she goes into labor and cannot make it to the clinic in time, she will give birth at home. She is told to deliver her baby into a bathroom toilet. The abortionist will then go and remove the baby and clean up. If she can make it to the clinic, she will do so during her most severe contractions and deliver her dead son or daughter. If the baby does not come out whole, then the procedure becomes a D&E (dilation and evacuation) and the baby is removed piece by piece using clamps and forceps to dismantle the baby. Once all the placenta and body parts are removed, the abortion is complete.

This bill is so wrong, and I urge you to please vote ought not to pass on LD. 1619.

Here are a few websites for information:

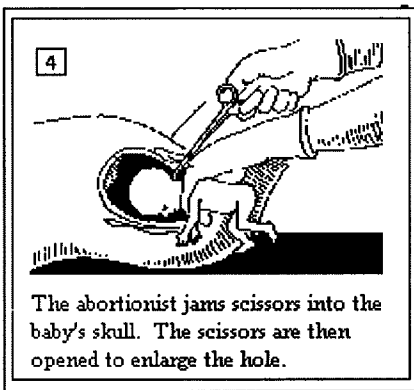
<https://www.lifesitenews.com/pulse/how-a-3rd-trimester-abortion-is-actually-performed-in-words-of-an-abortioni/>

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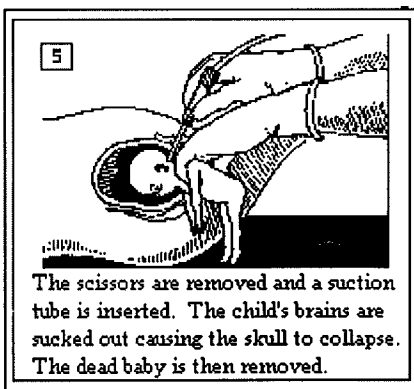
**The abortionist delivers the baby's entire body, except for the head.**

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**The abortionist jams scissors into the baby's skull. The scissors are then opened to enlarge the hole.**

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**The scissors are removed and a suction catheter is inserted. The child's brains are sucked out, causing the skull to collapse. The dead baby is then removed.**

<https://all.org/abortion/abortion-methods>

<https://www.nrlc.org/archive/abortion/facts/pbafacts.html>

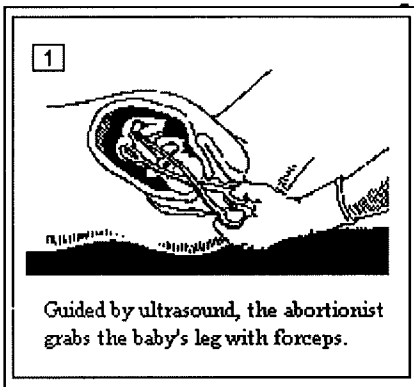
<https://www.all.org/guest-commentary/the-reality-of-partial-birth-abortion>

<https://www.nrlc.org/archive/abortion/pba/DEabortiongraphic.html>

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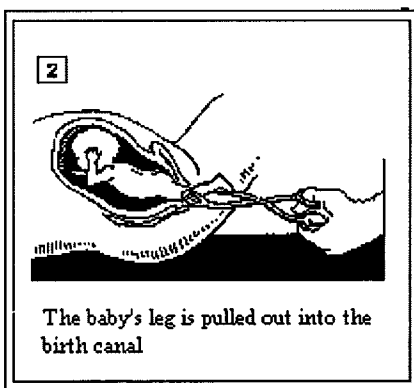
<https://joemiller.us/2019/01/watch-heres-what-a-late-term-abortion-procedure-actually-looks-like-its-horrifying>

## **Partial Birth Abortion**



**Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grabs the baby's leg with forceps.**

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**The baby's leg is pulled out into the birth canal.**

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