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Webster's **New World Encyclopedia** (1992) is also broadly inclusive when it defines genocide as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a national, racial, religious, political, cultural, ethnic, or other group defined by the exterminators as undesirable."

With abortion, the "undesirable" group targeted for elimination is unwanted, pre-born children. Their destruction is justified based on arbitrary factors, such as size, level of development, environment (location), and degree of dependency.

Conceptual similarities

More important than definitional considerations are the many conceptual similarities between abortion and other forms of mass murder. (See table inside.) For example, purveyors of injustice almost always assert that their victims are less than human and therefore not entitled to rights of personhood. So it is with abortion, as abortion-choice advocates routinely refer to unwanted, pre-born children as parasites, products of conception, potential lives, blobs of tissue, and other dehumanizing terms.

Culpability

Abortion is an atrocity for which most of us are guilty, either by complicity or complacency. We do not equate aborting mothers to Nazis; many such mothers are themselves victims. We do, however, say abortion doctors act like death camp doctors.

For more information

For more information on abortion and genocide:
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1st Trimester (11 Week) Aborted Fetus



How Can You Compare Abortion to Genocide?

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Origin of the word "genocide"

In 1941, **Winston Churchill** called it a "crime without a name." In 1944, **Raphael Lemkin** gave it a name. He said "genocide" was the "practice of extermination of national and ethnic groups."

In 1948, the **United Nations** gave it a legal definition: "... genocide means any of [a list of specific] acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group ..."

Divergent definitions

There is considerable debate among legal experts and scholars regarding how genocide should be defined. At issue are the kinds of targeted groups and the different actions that qualify as genocidal.

Although the UN definition specifies groups that are "national, ethnical, racial or religious," **France** adds "[any] group determined by any other arbitrary criterion." In **Ecuador** law, groups include those classified based on political condition, gender, sexual orientation, age, health, or conscience.

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Comparing ABORTION to other forms of HISTORICAL GENOCIDE

Point of Comparison	Final Solution <i>(Eastern Europe, 1930s-1940s)</i>	Slavery <i>(United States, 1700s-1800s)</i>	Abortion <i>(United States, Today)</i>
Personhood is always redefined in terms that exclude the intended victim class.	In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws excluded Jews from German society. The next year, the Reichsgericht (Germany's highest court) essentially legalized the Holocaust.	In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court declared Blacks "... a subordinate and inferior class of beings ..." in [Dred] Scott v. Sandford.	In 1973, the U. S. Supreme Court found that "the word 'person,' as used in the [Constitution], does not include the unborn."
Victims class is considered to be subhuman.	Cartoons routinely depicted Jews as pigs, dogs, rats, and other vermin. East Europeans were "untermensch," which means "subhuman."	Black slaves were often assigned diminutive names, such as "Mingo," that were normally reserved for pets.	Today, unwanted children are spoken of in dehumanizing terms: "embryo," "fetus," "blob of tissue," "products of conception," etc.
			
Genocide is often framed in the language of "choice."	The Nazis asserted that the racial make-up of the German nation was an internal matter for the German people to decide. They also emphasized Hitler's choice, his "Will to Power," as a Nazi propaganda film put it.	In the Senatorial debates of 1858, Stephen Douglas said that he was personally opposed to slavery, but that each state should have the right to choose whether to be a slave state or a free state.	Pro-abortion advocates argue that if pro-lifers don't like abortions, they shouldn't have them. Abortion is not mandated; it is a matter of personal "choice."
Victim class tends to be people who have what we want or get in our way.	Eastern Europeans owned land that the Nazis wanted for lebensraum ("living space") for the German people. Jews owned material wealth that Nazis wanted for themselves.	Blacks owned the work product that slave owners desired for themselves. The loss of this uncompensated work product would deprive the slave owners of material wealth they desired to maintain.	Children get in the way of career development, acquisition of material wealth, maintenance of lifestyle, rights, sexual freedom, etc. Also, unborn children have stem cells that we want for ourselves.
			
Victim class is often seen as a "disease" on society or as diseased themselves.	"Parasites" and "bacilli" were words used by Nazis to describe Jews and others targeted for extermination.	Benjamin Rush, a leading American scientist who personally opposed slavery, speculated that all Blacks were really leprous, diseased whites in need of a cure.	In his medical textbook <i>Abortion Practice</i> , Warren Hern analogizes the unwanted, unborn child to a disease, the treatment of choice for which is abortion.
Resources are inadequate to care for intended victim class if they are allowed to live.	The Nazis justified killing "useless eaters" because they were using up resources needed by the German people.	Pro-slavery advocates justified the continuation of slavery because slaves, if emancipated, could not take care of themselves and would be a drain on society's resources.	Pro-abortion advocates attempt to justify abortion by stating that there are inadequate resources to care for all unwanted babies if they are not killed by abortion.

... then whites further dehumanized us by calling us "niggers." It was part of the dehumanizing process. The first step was to distort the image of us as human beings in order to justify that which they wanted to do and not even feel like they had done anything wrong. Those advocates of taking life prior to birth do not call it killing or murder, they call it abortion. They further never talk about aborting a baby because that would imply something human. Rather they talk about aborting the fetus. Fetus sounds less than human and therefore abortion can be justified.

Rev. Jesse Jackson
Civil Rights Activist

Each form of genocide, whether Holocaust, lynching, abortion, etc., differs from all the others in the motives and methods of its perpetrators. But each form of genocide is identical to all the others in that it involves the systematic slaughter, as state sanctioned "choice," of innocent, defenseless victims – while denying their "personhood."

Rabbi Yehuda Levin
Orthodox Jewish Rabbi

When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Women's Rights Activist