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Introduction to The Turnaway Study

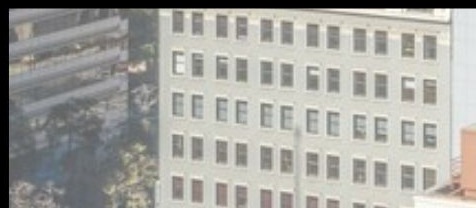
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The Turnaway Study

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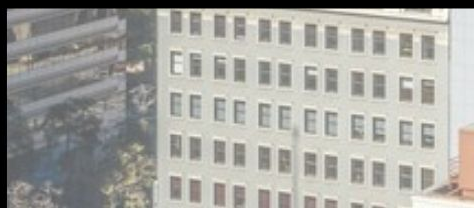
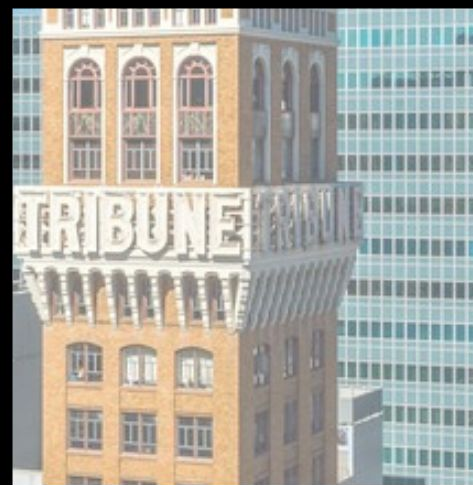
How do you study abortion?



Turnaway Study
recruitment sites

Turnaway Study 2007-2017





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**Why do people decide
to have an abortion?**

An outline map of New York State is centered in the background. The map is white with a black border. The text is overlaid on the map. The background is a solid purple color with faint, stylized silhouettes of human profiles in a lighter shade of purple.

BRENDA

24 years old
24 weeks pregnant

New York



BRENDA

TURNED AWAY
pregnant

New York



SOFIA

19 years old

26 weeks pregnant

California



SOFIA

TURNED AWAY

pregnant

California

The background is a solid purple color. In the center, there is a white outline of the state of Illinois. Overlaid on this outline are three faint, light-purple silhouettes of people's heads and shoulders, facing different directions. The text is white and centered over the Illinois outline.

ANGELA

17 years old

24 weeks pregnant

Illinois



ANGELA

TURNED AWAY

pregnant

Illinois



MARTINA

22 years old
9 weeks pregnant

Arizona



MARTINA

RECEIVED AN ABORTION

Arizona



KIARA

26 years old

13 weeks pregnant

Kentucky



KIARA

RECEIVED AN ABORTION

Kentucky



AMY

28 years old
6 weeks pregnant

Texas



AMY

RECEIVED AN ABORTION

Texas

Reasons for seeking an abortion



1. **MONEY** (not financially prepared) - 40%



2. **TIME** (not the right time for a baby) - 36%



3. **PARTNERS** (partner-related reasons) - 31%



4. **KIDS** (need to focus on other children) - 29%



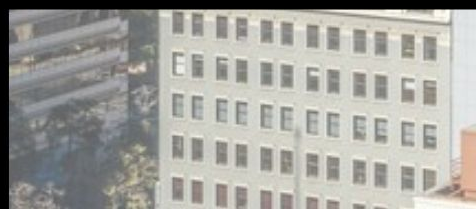
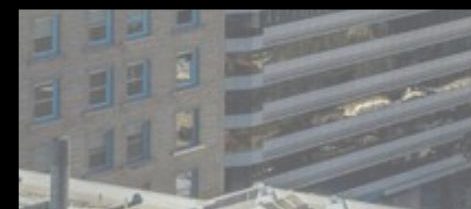
5. **ASPIRATIONS** (interferes w/ future opportunities) - 20%



6. **PREPARATIONS** (not emotionally prepared) - 19%



7. **HEALTH** (health-related reasons) - 12%



**What are the reasons
why study participants
showed up late at the clinic?**



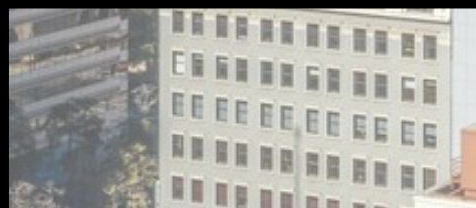
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Turned Away



SOFIA

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**Why do people get pregnant
when they don't want a baby?**

Mary



Mary
18 years old



Mary
45 years old



Mary with kids



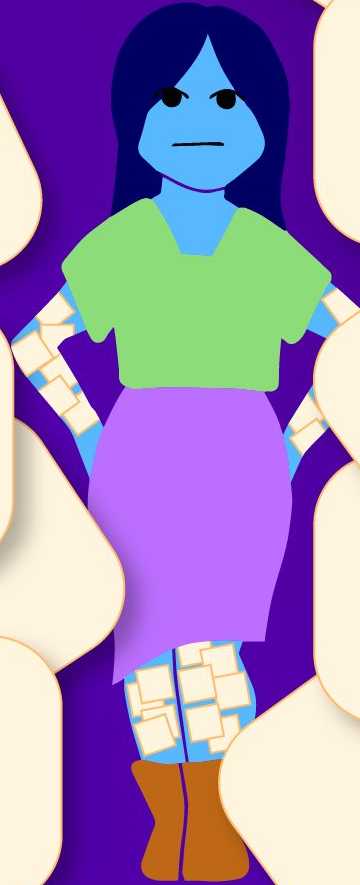
Mary + 6,844 contraceptive pills



Mary + 2,000 condoms



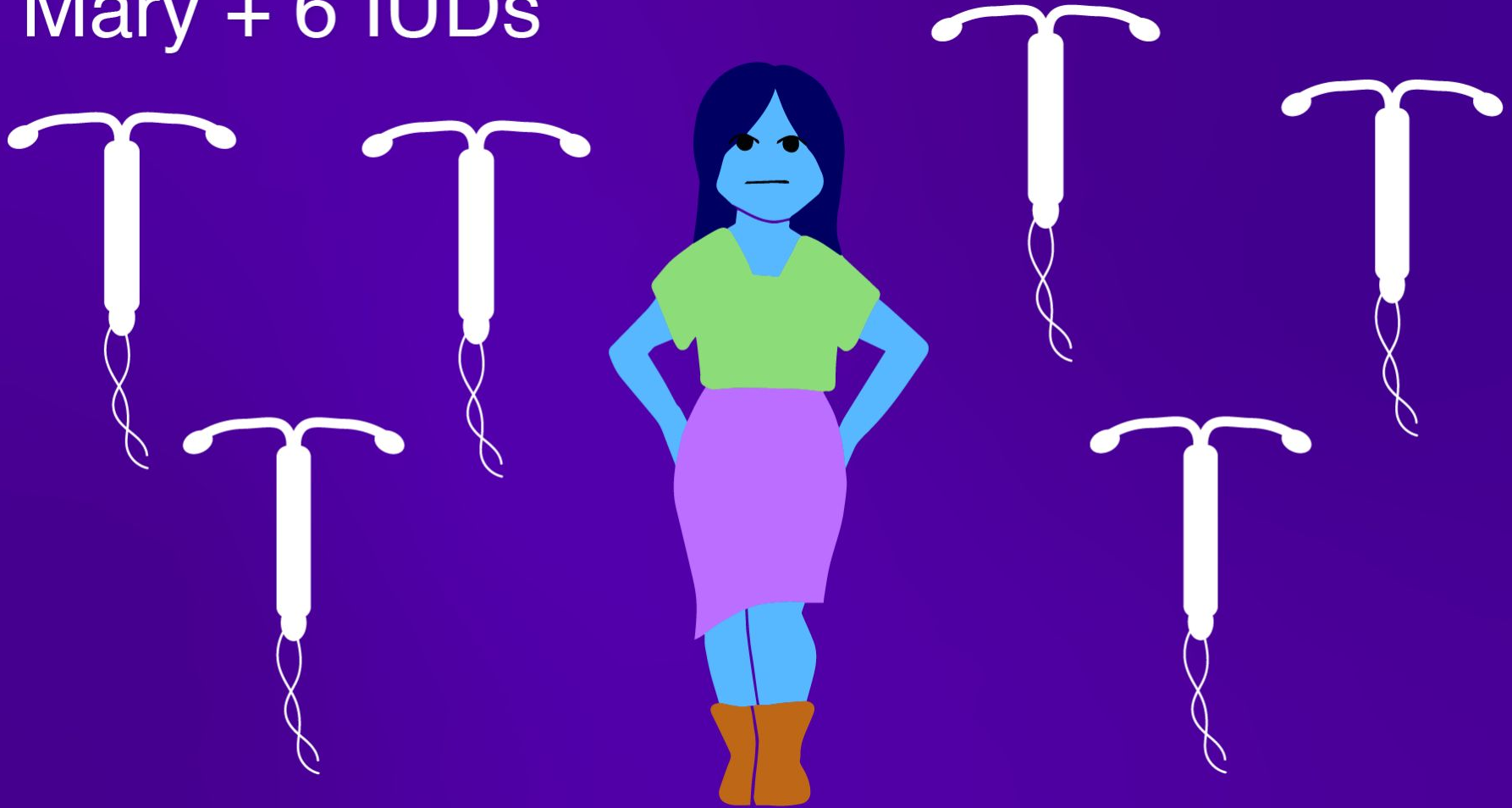
Mary + 975 patches



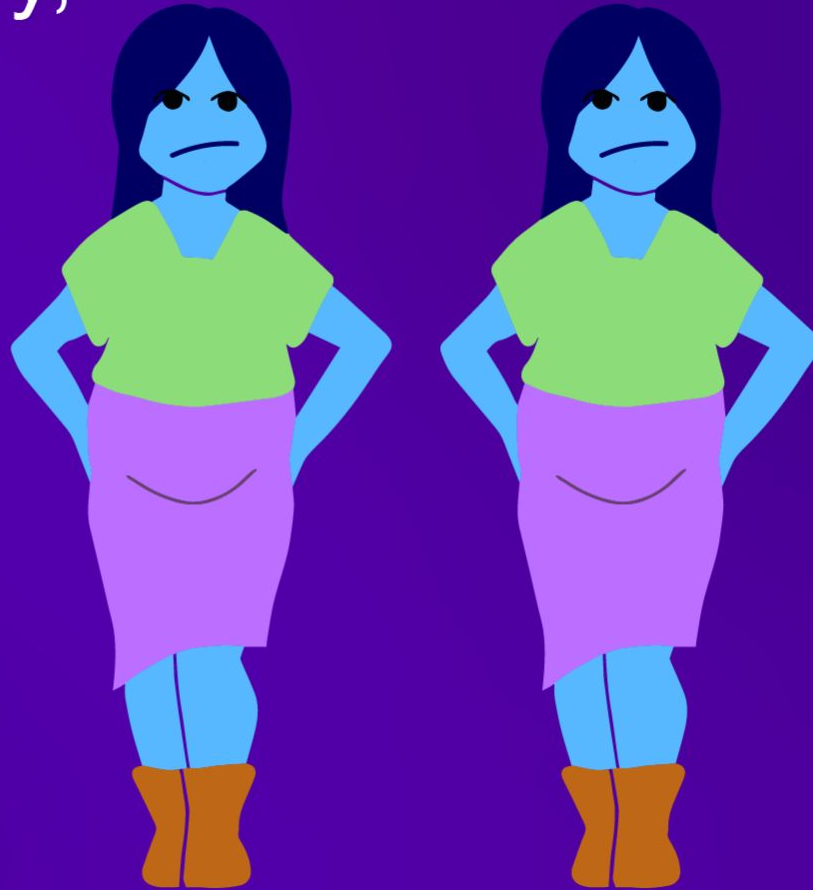
Mary + 325 vaginal rings



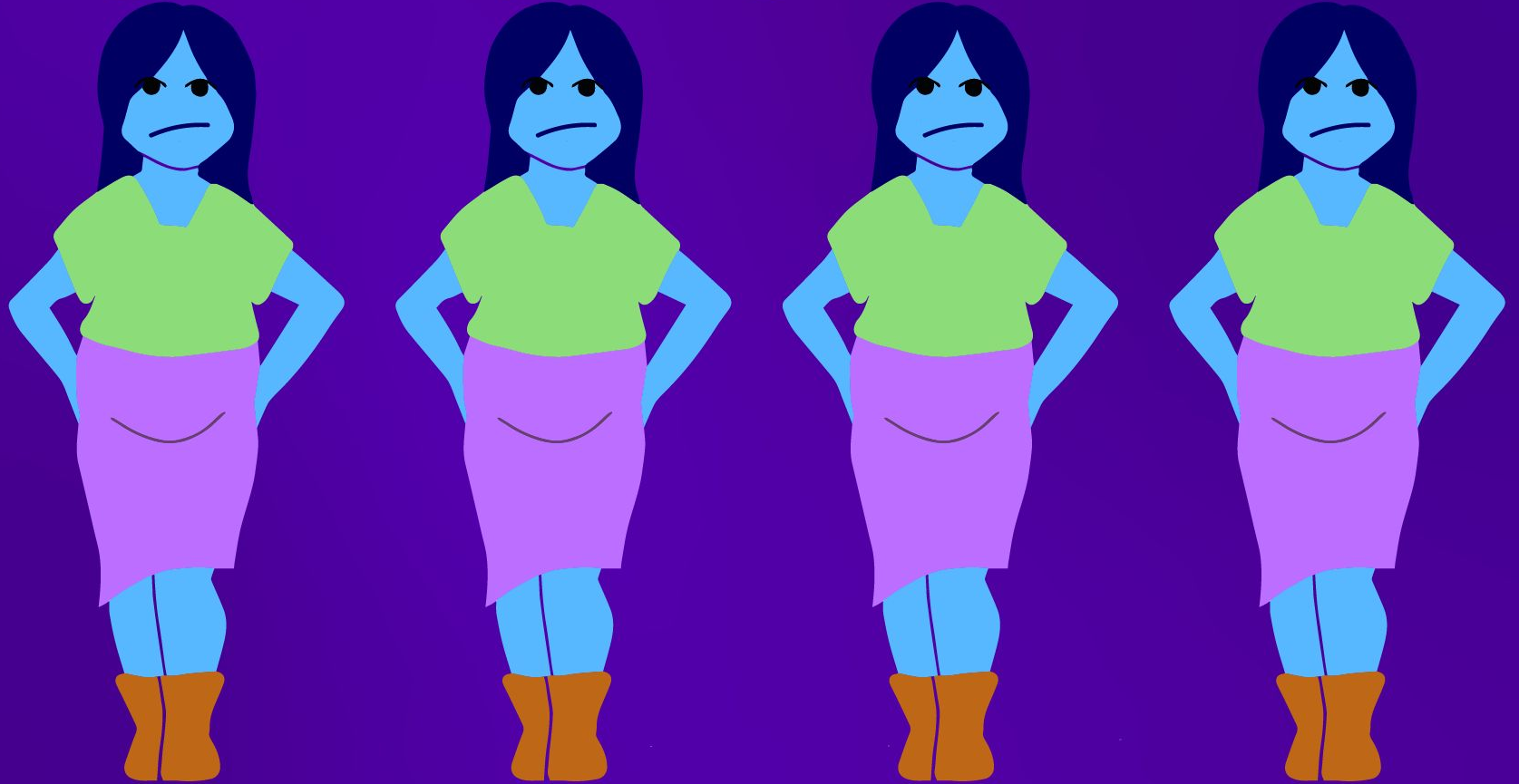
Mary + 6 IUDs



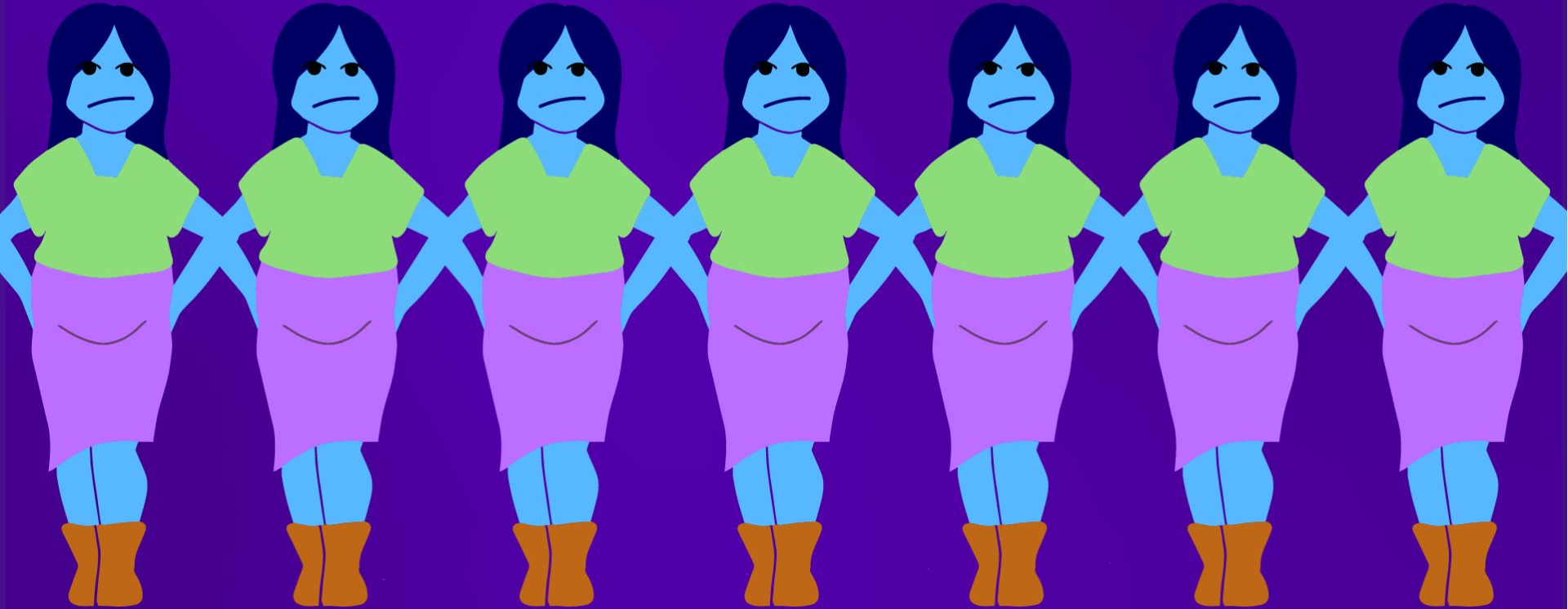
Pregnant Mary,
using the pill



Pregnant Mary, using condoms



Pregnant Mary, using withdrawal



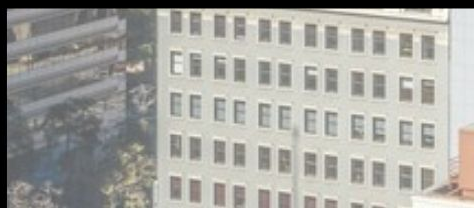
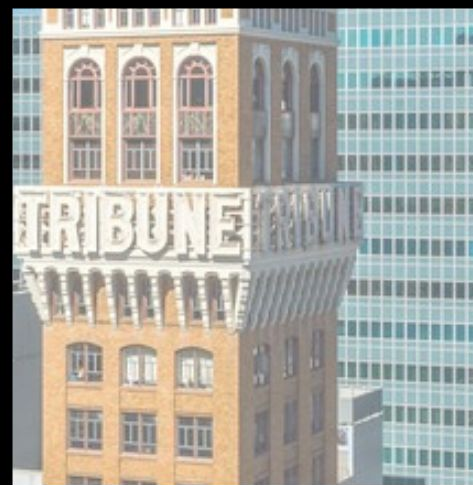
Poor Mary!





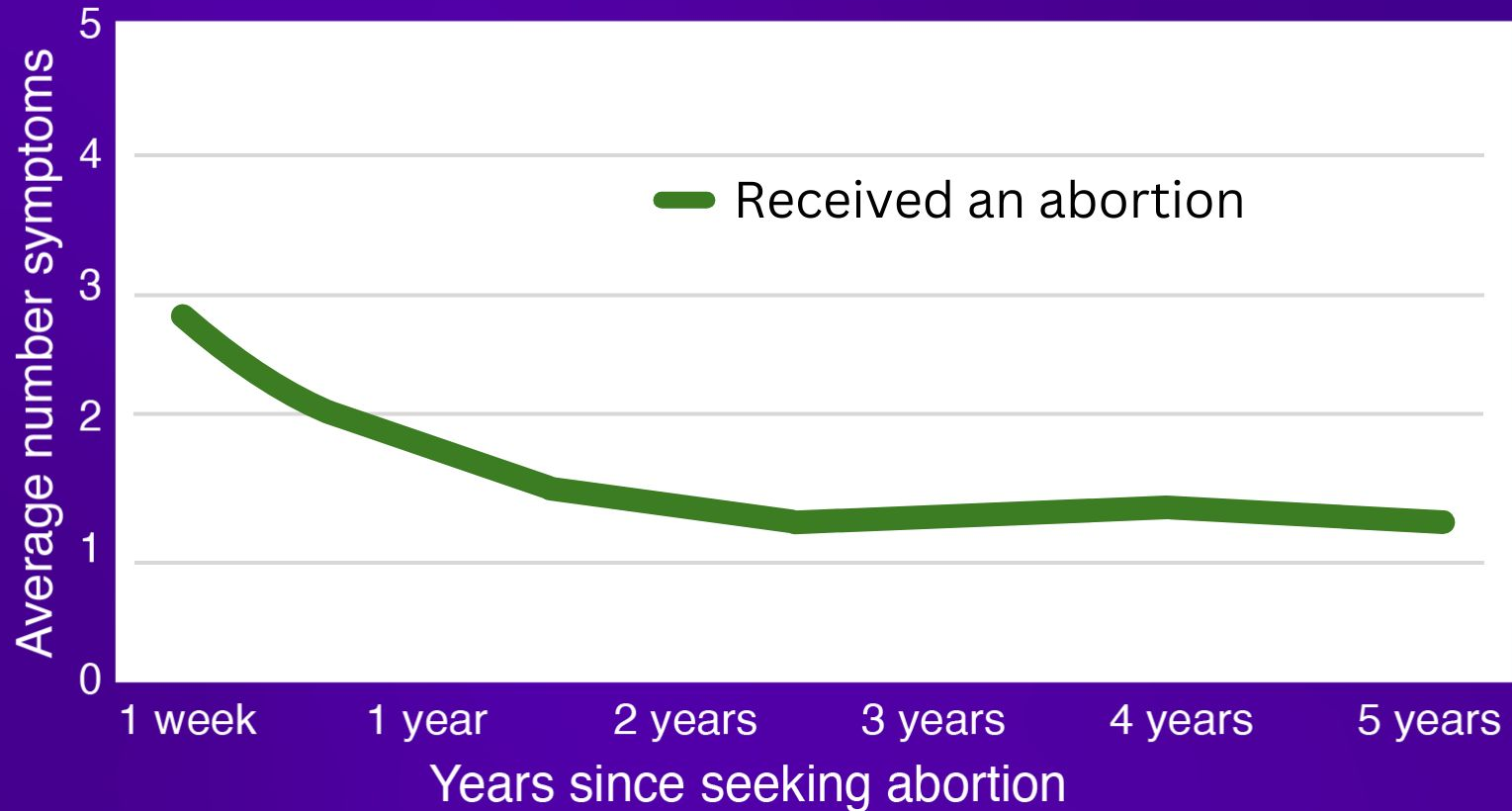
KIARA

Received an abortion

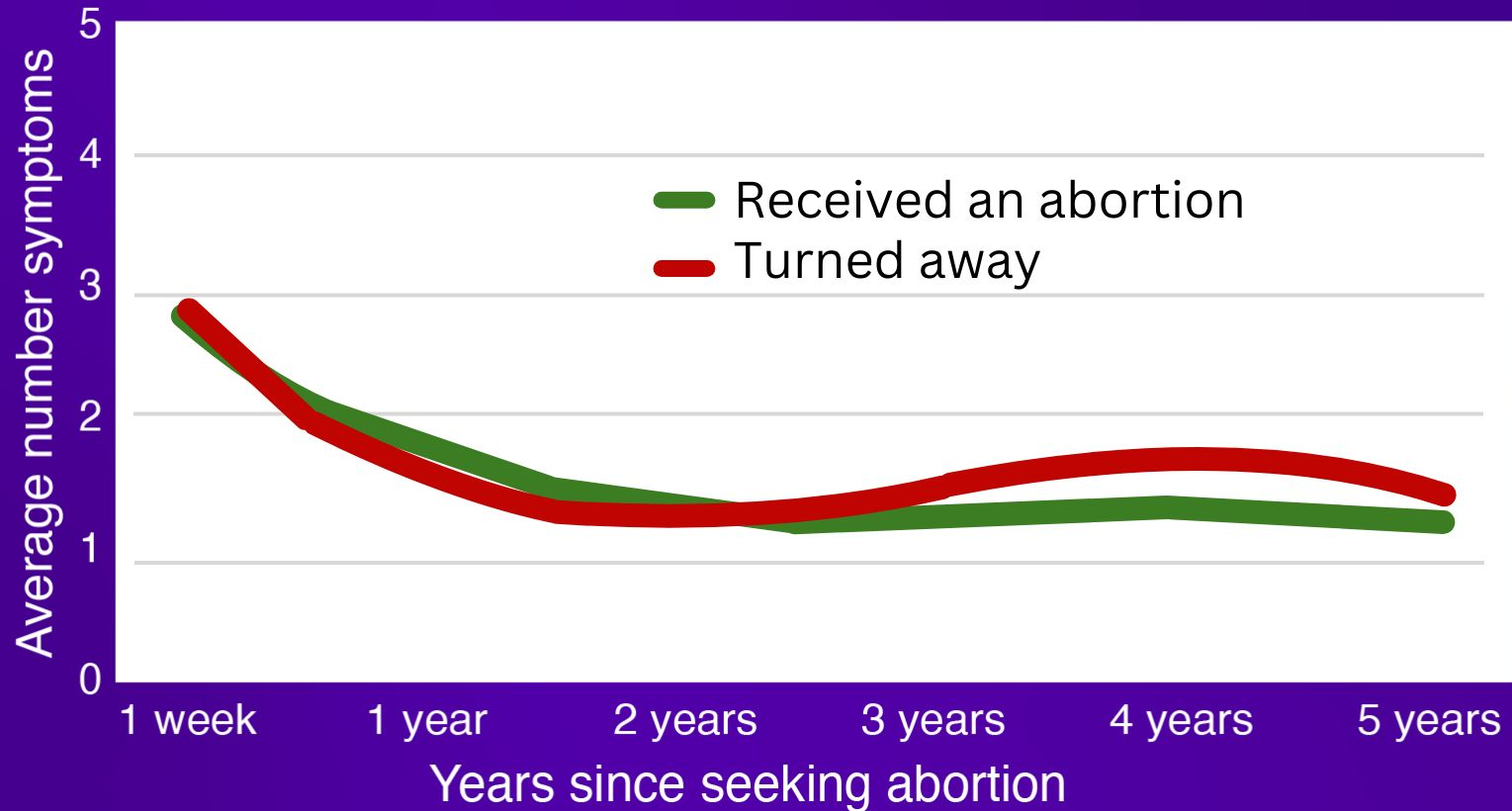


**Does abortion cause
psychological
or emotional harm?**

Depressive Symptoms



Depressive Symptoms



**People who don't regret their choice
to have an abortion after five years:**

> 95%



MARTINA

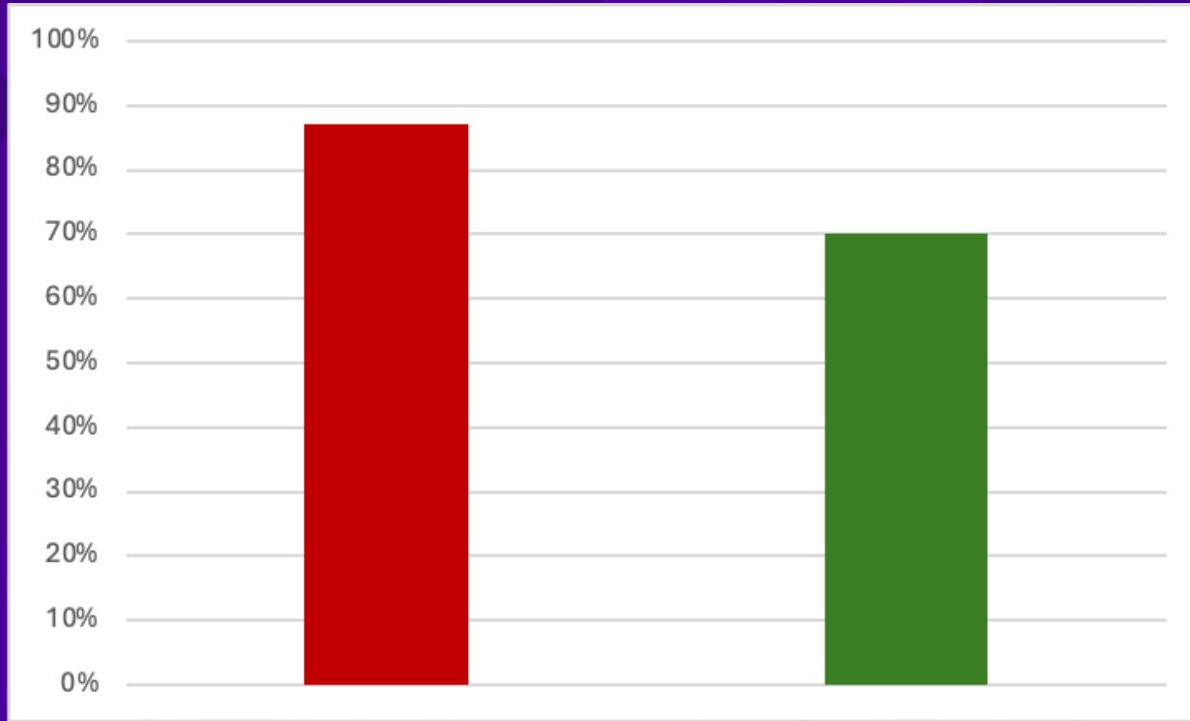
Received an abortion



AMY

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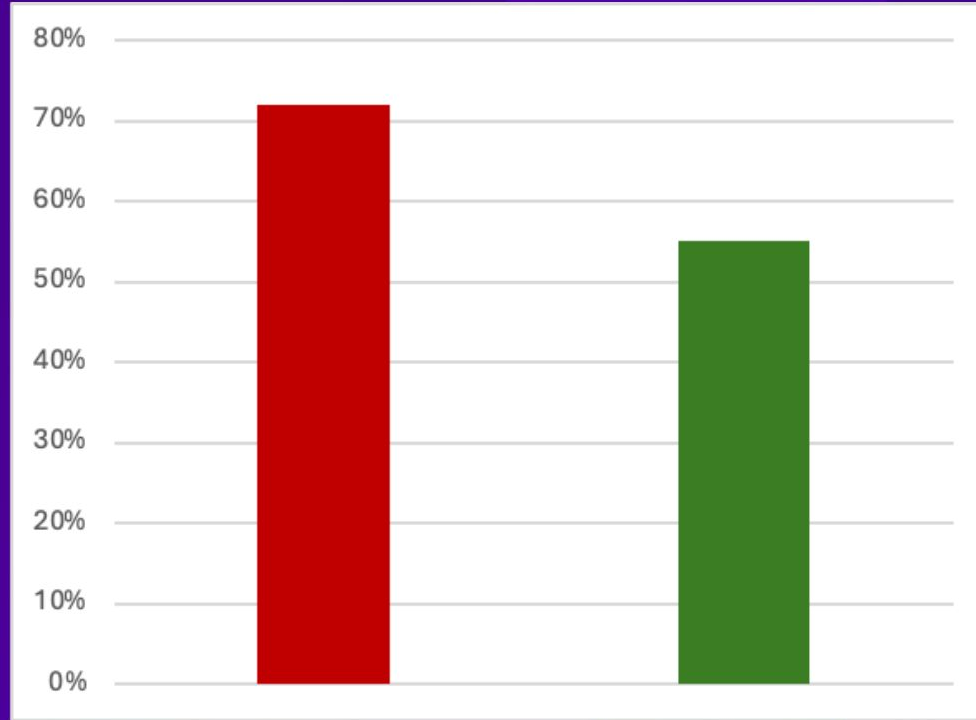
Unable to pay for basic needs



 **turned away: 87%**

 **received abortion: 70%**

Children living in poverty after five years

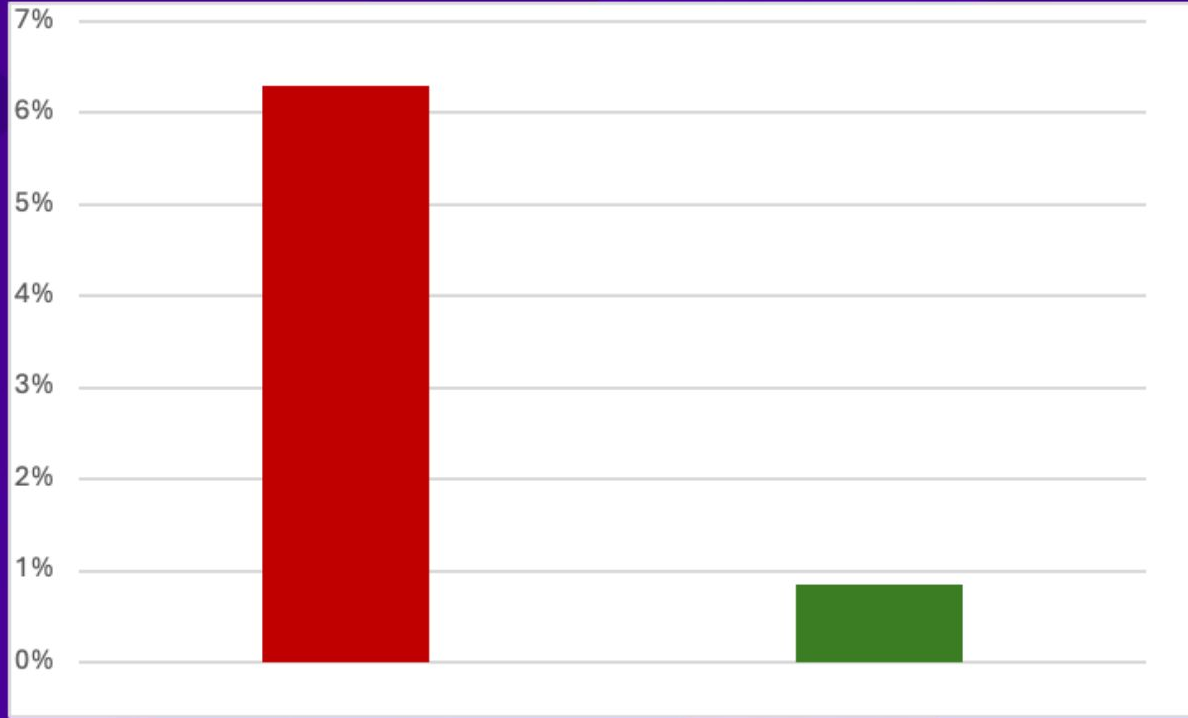


mother turned away: 72%



mother received abortion: 55%

Life-threatening pregnancy complications



 turned away: 6%

 received abortion: < 1%

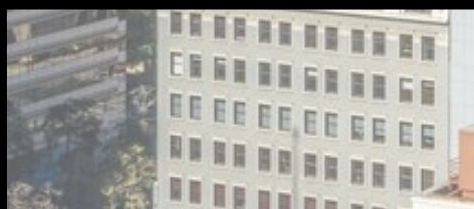
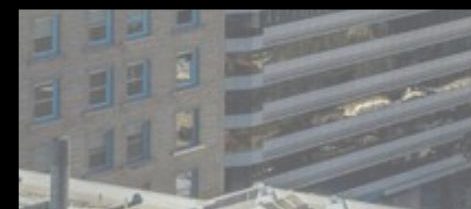






ANGELA

Turned Away



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**Who steps in to help someone
who is denied an abortion?**



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who is denied an abortion?**

NOBODY.



Turned Away



SOFIA

Turned Away



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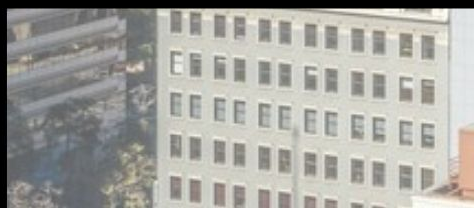
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Conclusions



**We found no evidence that
abortion hurts women.**



Pop Quiz!

The background of the image features three stylized, overlapping profiles of women's heads and shoulders, rendered in various shades of purple. The profiles are facing right, with the one on the left being the most prominent and the one on the right being the most faded. The overall composition is minimalist and modern.

Trust women.

Learn more and take action!



theturnawayplay.org/take-action