Women's Health and Family Planning

Women in the USA are at risk of reproductive and sexual health problems than those in 14 other countries. While Ethiopian women were ranked 133, at the bottom of "Population Action International's" ranking, American women were below those living in Australia, Europe, and Singapore.

This is because there are more single teen mothers in the USA than in any other industrialized nations.

Looking at factors such as teenage pregnancy proceeding to births, contraceptive use, and HIV/AIDS prevention, death during pregnancy and childbirth, abortion policies, and anemia, as well as access to prenatal care, the top eight (8) countries were European, and the lowest were African.

Figures quoted by Amy Coen, PAI president, said an Ethiopian woman has a one in ten chance of dying of a childbearing-related problem, a Spanish woman one in 9,000 and an American woman one in 3,500.

Abortion policies, in a large measure, reduce numbers of births in many European countries disproportionately, more than in some others, and these statistics may reflect more the abortion policies than the healthcare standards available to women in the USA. Pro-life activists would take pride in the increased births, if it meant less abortions.