

## Forced Abortions

Of 662 respondents of a survey conducted by Biesold (author) of Deaf Germans who had been sterilized during the time of Nazism, 57 being forced to terminate a pregnancy also.

23 women aborted during or after the sixth month

Quote from book:

"Killing my baby and the sterilization operation that was carried out at the same time took from eight o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon. I will never forget the screaming and swearing of that awful woman doctor; it is stamped into my memory."

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Month	Respondents	
	N=57	Percentage
3rd month or earlier	8	14.04
4th month	9	15.79
5th month	10	17.54
6th month	10	17.54
7th month	4	7.01
8th month	2	3.51
9th month	7	12.28
No month given	7	12.28

*Month of Pregnancy in Which the Abortion Was Induced*

### Physician's Report

(in accordance with section 11, paragraph 2 of the Law for the Prevention of Offspring with Hereditary Diseases)

(Name, date and place of birth) who suffers from feeble-mindedness and is a resident of the Pauline Home, in Winnenden, was sterilized by me on August 23, 1941, pursuant to the decision of the Hereditary Health Court of Stuttgart of July 22, 1941 document code 119/41).

Type of sterilization: In the course of the operation, the Fallopian tubes were tied off, a two-centimeter-long portion excised, the ends tied off, and treated against peritonitis.

The operation proceeded normally.

The incision healed in 10 days without complications.

The patient was released on September 1, 1941, in good health, in accordance with the legal requirement.

In addition, pregnancy was terminated on July 11, 1941, with the authorization of the

guardian, senior controller Harsch.

Type of operation: drug-induced premature labor with subsequent rupture of the sac.

Length of the fetus: 42 centimeters. Particularities of the fetus (malformations): --

Sex of the fetus: female,

Other observations (twins): \_\_\_\_\_

The patient was released on \_\_\_\_\_ in good health.

Place: Waiblingen \_\_\_\_\_ September 2, 19 41

To the Medical Officer in  
To the Offices of the

Hereditary Health Court in Waiblingen \_\_\_\_\_

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(signature)

*Physician's Report from September 2, 1941*

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Years later, in the cold language of medical bureaucrats, the double process of forced sterilization and forced termination of pregnancy reads as follows:

Gynecology Clinic and Midwifery College  
of the University of Munich  
Munich, February 27, 1952  
Physician's Certificate

On the orders of the Hereditary Health Court of Munich, file No. 16 XIII 12/36, the sterilization of Fraulein Franziska Schwarz, born on November 27, 1918, was completed on March 21, 1941, by means of laparotomy, wedge-shaped excision of both tubes, and extirpation of the tubes, since the sterilization operation of May 7, 1936, had been unsuccessful. In August of 1938, Fraulein Schwarz's pregnancy was terminated in the fourth month.

This is confirmed by an examination of the file.

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