



HUMAN CAPITAL project

Fact Sheet: Partial-Birth Abortion

Partial-Birth Abortion, intact dilation and extraction (**IDX**), or intact dilation and evacuation (**IDE**), is a late-term abortion procedure where the fetus is converted to **breach position** (feet-first) and extracted intact and alive:

D&X can be described as follows: dilation; more dilation; real-time ultrasound visualization; version (as needed); intact extraction; fetal skull decompression; removal; clean- up; recovery.¹

Since 2003, Partial-Birth Abortion has been against federal law, where it is defined as:

vaginally delivers a living fetus until [...] in the case of breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother, for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus²

Because Partial-Birth Abortion removes an intact fetus, it maximizes the yield of “usable” organs and tissues for fetal body parts sale.

Q: And as you understand it, intact D&E [...] is an abortion where there is no real removal of body parts, is that right?

A. The whole fetus is removed intact so, yes, you remove all body parts intact.

Q. It's an abortion where the entire intact fetus, head to toe, is removed from the woman's body, right?

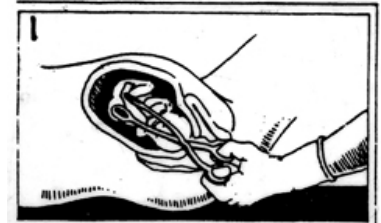
A. Correct.³

Planned Parenthood’s Senior Director of Medical Services, Dr. Deborah Nucatola, uses a partial-birth abortion technique to obtain intact fetal brain for sale:

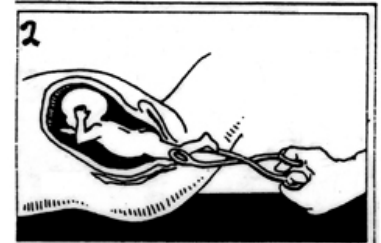
PP: So if you do it starting from the breech presentation, there’s dilation that happens as the case goes on, and often, the last, you can evacuate an intact calvarium at the end. So I mean there are certainly steps that can be taken to try to ensure—

Buyer: So they can convert to breach, for example, at the start of the—

PP: Exactly, exactly. Under ultrasound guidance, they can just change the presentation.⁴



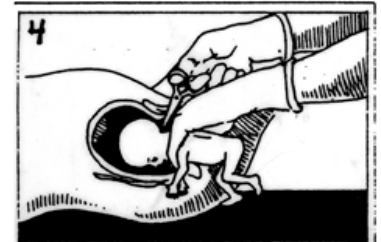
Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grabs the baby's leg with forceps.



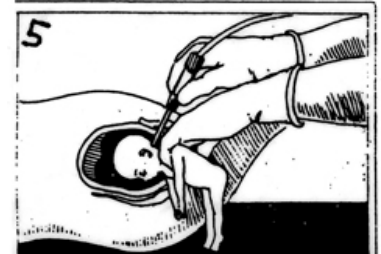
The baby's leg is pulled out into the birth canal.



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



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



The scissors are removed and a suction catheter is inserted. The child's brains are sucked out. The baby is then “evacuated.”

¹ Haskell, “Dilation and Extraction for Late Second Trimester Abortion.” NAF 1992.

<http://operationrescue.org/pdfs/NAFpaper091392.pdf>

² 18 U.S.C. 1531

³ Testimony of Dr. Gruenbam, NAF v. Ashcroft, pg. 332.

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/pba/nyday2.pdf>

⁴ Pgs. 11-12, PPFA Transcript, The Center for Medical Progress. 25 July 2014.

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