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resources

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- @holistic.abortions
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- @birthmarksupport
- @calloutfakeclinics
- @reprotransparency

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- don't provide medical services – may offer urine pregnancy tests / ultrasounds
- may not be staffed by medical professionals
- try to scare & manipulate people from having abortions, using whatever means necessary, including false info about gestation and side effects.
- focus only on parenting / adoption and won't refer to abortion services, or offer to cover costs for carrying pregnancy to term
- emphasize "post-abortion support" or "recovery" when abortion comes up
- may center a particular religious worldview

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- offer comprehensive sexual health info, resources, and contraceptive options
- provide info on all pregnancy options including abortion
- provide abortions or refer to abortion services
- more likely to use gender-inclusive language and / or provide gender affirming care

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