Abortion illegal: 1800s – 1950s-70s, regulated by states
Abortion legalized: 1954, 66-70, 72 part or full legal in 20 states; \(^{1}1973\) national

Total abortions, 1954-2012: \(55,444,577\)
(17% of current population, or 26 of 50 States)

Black: abortion legalized, or subsequent changes in law (- = decreased access; \(^{1}\) = increased access)
Red: Innocent bloodshed – the number of reported abortions that year.
Italicized number: estimated number based on actual reported number before and/or after (prorated).