

Swedish Doctors Approve Sex-Selective Abortions

Swedish health officials say it's legal to have sex-selective abortions up to 18 weeks of pregnancy, allowing mothers to abort their babies based solely on their sex.

The National Board of Health and Welfare in Sweden issued the guidelines after a woman aborted two girls in a row because she wanted a boy.

Brad Mattes, executive director of the Life Issues Institute, said women from Norway are traveling to Sweden to receive the abortions.

"It's become an industry of sorts in Sweden," he said, "and an awful commentary on that country and our society at large."

Steve Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, said most sex-selective abortions target preborn girls.

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