

70 Nations Protect Preborn Human Life: 1803–1918

The first multinational pro-life movement to prohibit abortion began in the 1800s. Abortion was prohibited in 70 nations, and no nation authorized abortion. The 27 in **bold** continue to prohibit abortion today (see 1920–2015 list in AWR for others). The global consensus was clearly to protect the innocent lives of preborn children and their mothers. A question mark (?) for the year indicates that documentation did not provide exact year.

Europe (13):

1803 United Kingdom [U.K.] (+1837, 1861)
 1810 France [FRA] (+1832)
 1845 Spain [ESP] (+1870)
 1849 Russia
 1861 Ireland (U.K.)
 1867 Belgium [BEL]
 1871 Germany
 1879 Luxembourg
 1886 Netherlands;
 Portugal [PRT]
 1902 Norway
 1910 Sweden
 ? Poland

Americas and the Caribbean (19):

1821 United States (every state by 1910;
 most during the 1860s–1870s)
 1861 **St. Kitts and Nevis** (U.K.);
 St. Lucia (U.K.);
 St. Vincent and Grenadines (U.K.)
 1864 **Jamaica**
 1868 Barbados (U.K.)
 1869 Canada (+1892, 1906)
 1870 Cuba (ESP)
 1873 **Antigua and Barbuda** (U.K.);
Dominica (U.K.)
 1874 **Chile**
 1890 Brazil
 1892 Canada
 1906 **Honduras**
 ? **Dominican Republic**
 ? Grenada (U.K.)
 ? Guyana (U.K.)
 ? **Haiti**
 ? **Suriname**

Asia (8):

1824 Singapore (U.K.)
 1860 Bangladesh (U.K.); India (U.K.);
 Pakistan (U.K.)
 1880 Japan (+1907)
 1883 **Sri Lanka**
 1918 Indonesia (Dutch); Israel (U.K.)

Africa (25):

1845 Equatorial Guinea (ESP)
 1870s **Democratic Rep. of Congo** (BEL)
 1886 **Angola** (PRT); **Guinea-Bissau** (PRT);
 Mozambique (PRT),
Sao Tome and Principe (PRT)
 1888 Kenya (U.K.)
 1892 Benin (FRA)
 1894 **Uganda** (U.K.)
 1896 Burkina Faso (FRA)
 1898 **Congo** (FRA); Guinea (FRA)
 1913 Tunisia
 1916 **Nigeria** (South)
 1918 **Tanzania** (U.K.); Togo (FRA)
 ? **Lesotho**
 ? **Madagascar** (FRA)
 ? **Mauritania** (FRA)
 ? Mauritius (U.K.)
 ? **Senegal**
 ? **Sierra Leone** (U.K.)
 ? South Africa (Roman-Dutch Law)
 ? Swaziland (Roman-Dutch law)
 ? Zimbabwe (Roman-Dutch law)

Oceania (5):

1861 Australia (U.K.)
 1865 **Tuvalu**
 1899 **Nauru**
 1902 **Papua New Guinea**
 ? **Tonga**