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**Activités du Parlement de Russie  
dans le domaine des droits  
reproductifs et leur influence sur  
la dynamique de l'IVG en Fédération  
de Russie**

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# Outline

1. Data and methods
2. Dynamics of abortion
3. Dynamics of legislative activities
4. Two turning points and three periods of state population policy
5. Summary of findings
6. Expectations

# Data

## Legal:

- automated system for ensuring the legislative activity of the State Duma of the Russian Federation (*asozd*),
- online legal and reference system "Consultant+"

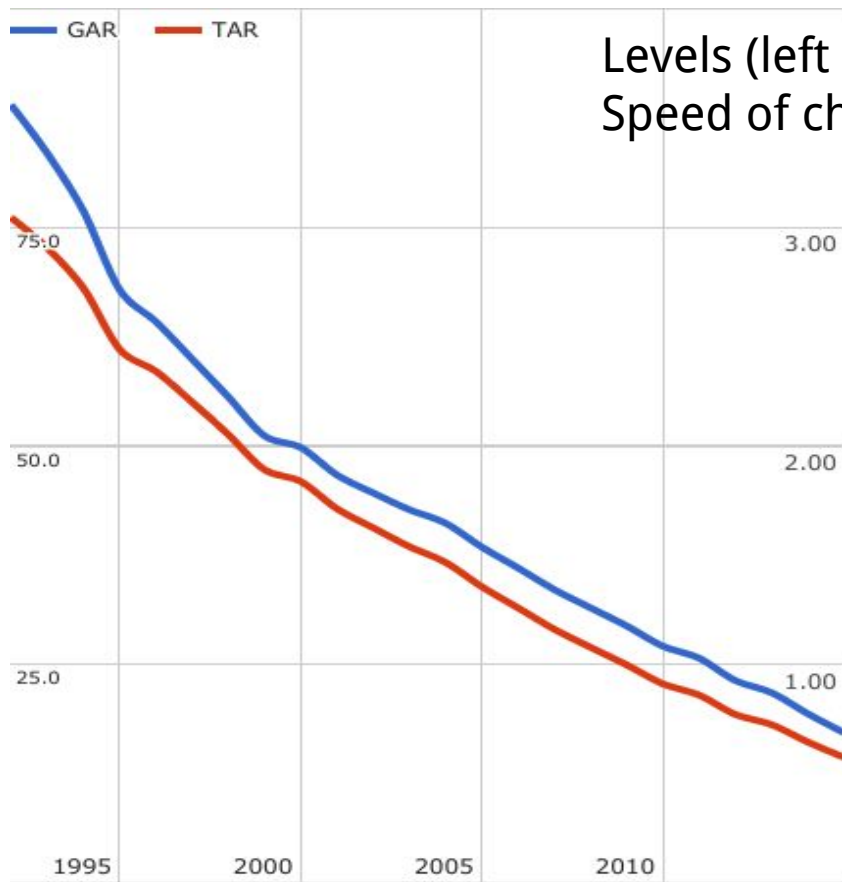
## Abortions:

- official publications
  - Rosstat
  - Ministry of Health,
- the results of sample population surveys (+contraceptive use)

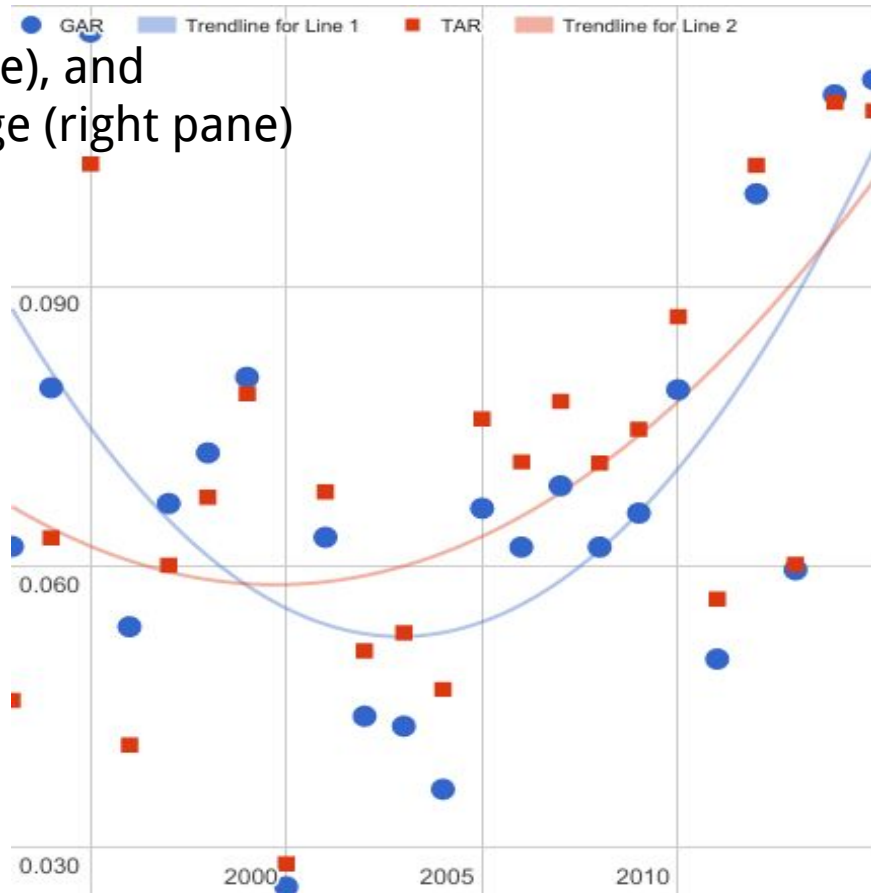
# Abortion Data

- Since published official data combine induced abortion and miscarriages, we subtracted the latter from the total (published) figures.
- It is only possible for MoH figures, thus a true number of induced abortions is somewhat lower than reported here.
- Some MoH data are not published, but are not *classified* as well.

# Dynamics of induced abortions

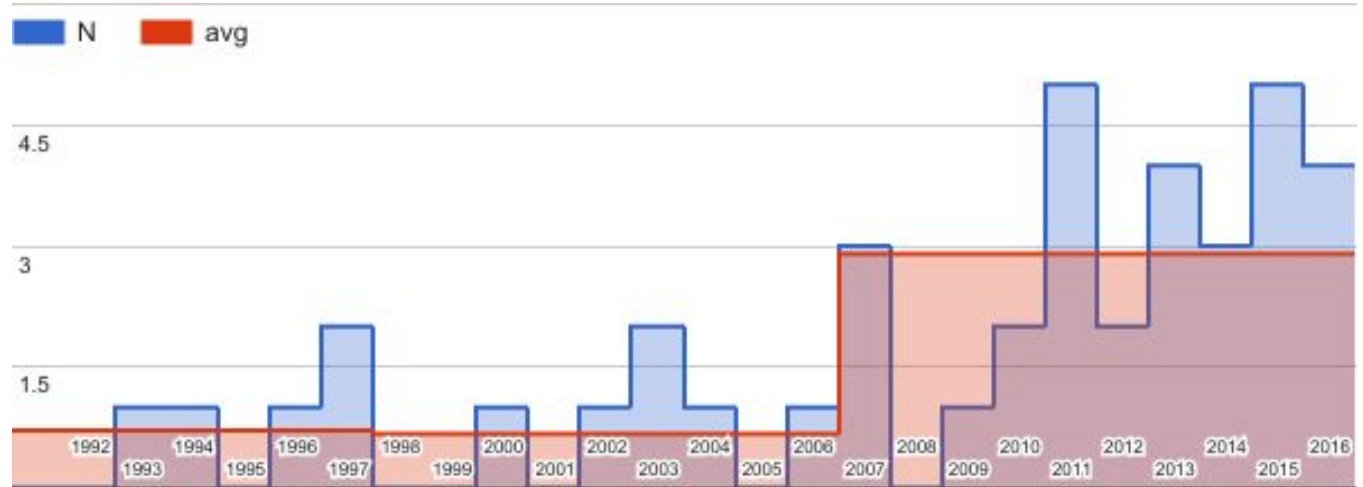


Levels (left pane), and  
Speed of change (right pane)



# Dynamics of legislative activities

1992-1997	5 (.71)
1997-2006	6 (.67)
2007-2016	31 (2.9)
1997-2016	42



Introduced and enacted provisions together

# Period of liberalization

**Federal FP program was created to:**

- provide FP services;
- create a system of special training in FP and adjacent areas;
- introduce the system of sexual education in schools;
- improve general population sexual culture.



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# The church started its cooperation with the government (MoH) — Period of suggested restrictions



The Church will help in abortion reduction and fertility growth



# ... and then archaic pronatalism



## **Three periods**

1. **The beneficial to FP period (—1997)**
2. **Moderately unfavorable period (1998-2006)**
3. **The period of archaic pronatalism (2007—)**

## **Two turning points**

1. **The end of budget spendings on FP program (since 1998 no separate line)**
2. **Introduction of the state pronatalist policy (2006)**

# Findings

- Abortions are declining (in numbers and in all possible rates)
- Legislation is toughening since 1998
- **The abortion decline is not related to parliament activities**
- The main reason — growing contraceptive use caused by an unregulated contraception market (to be published in [Demographic Review](#))
- Recommendation (for current period): Non-interference/laissez-faire
- *...victory has a hundred fathers and defeat is an orphan...* (c) JFK

# Limitations

- Likely incompleteness of legal data sources, especially for earlier periods (*asozd* introduced 1997-2001).
- The relative scarcity of published statistics, in particular (no monthly data which is very important for abortion analysis).
- Lack of detailed data: no breakdown by urban/rural, parity, marital status, etc.

# What could happen next ?

- Total ban
- Removal from compulsory insurance policy
- Ban to perform abortion for private clinics

## Consequences

- Decrease in abortions and increase in unwanted births and *orphans with living parents* (refused children).
- Improvement in the culture of contraception, growth of modern methods use.
- Growth of illegal and unsafe abortions with higher risks to women's health.

**Thank you for your attention**

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