

WHY ARE THERE COINS IN THE PHOTOS?

Most of the abortion images seen on the Abort73 website include some kind of common object: a pencil, an adult hand or finger, and most predominantly, a coin.

These objects are included as a size reference. They give the viewer an easy way to determine the actual size of the embryos and fetuses being depicted. In so doing, they also make it possible to verify the captioned age which accompanies each photo. Some people have complained that using coins is heavy-handed and inappropriately symbolic. While the juxtaposition of aborted children with the phrase “In God We Trust” is a stark one, and while there is certainly a huge financial stake in abortion, we cannot speak to the intent of the photographer. Whether the coins are meant to be symbolic or not, it is hard to think of any other object of the appropriate scale and of a universal size that would be more common and familiar to the average citizen. For this reason, coins seem a very functional choice.

All of the objects that are used as size references are part of the original images. They have not been digitally inserted.